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CANTON STRIKERS' REVENGE.

INCENDIARY FIRES ALL OVER CITY.

BIG TERRORIST PLOT SAID TO BE DISCOVERED.

LABOUR GUILDS RAIDED.

In connection with the reports of incendiarism by strikers in Canton, alleged confessions by a number of arrested Labour extremists point to well-organised plots to start a large number of fires all over the city, as well as to use bombs for the purpose of revenge against the Government for having disbanded the strikers and turned them out of their boarding-houses.

Reports to hand to-day give details of a large number of further fires during the week-end, both in Canton and Honam, in which many houses were destroyed and other property damaged.

Armed troops and police have carried out raids on the premises of various Labour organisations and made a large number of arrests.

NUMBERS OF EXTREMISTS ARRESTED.

Confessions by Canton labour No. 52, Tung Man Street, extremists arrested by the Canton Two buildings were devastated, and in this case incendiarism was apparent, as connection with the week-end fires in another fire Police enquiries revealed that newspapers noticed of a daring plot, by the dispersed 1925 strikers, who in addition to being responsible for the starting of the fires at Canton and in Honam, had also, it is alleged, which not a single labourer was present when the blaze started.

In the Hoi Chu district, along the Band, at No. 298, in the Canton city opposite Canton, apparently were involved in this plot to release themselves on the Government, as no fewer than four fires were distributed after the meeting.

Immediately the fires broke out, large corps of Police and troops were sent to arrest those who were responsible, and as a result several extremists were taken into custody and a considerable number of labour unions and guilds were raided.

Mr. Chu Fai-yi, Chief of Police, then gave the order to close all the boarding-houses occupied by these troublesome strikers, and the houses were handed back to the former owners on Saturday last.

The First Fires.

The Kuomintang Branch Association for coal workers in Canton, at No. 6, on the East Bund, about 6.10 p.m. on Friday was the scene of a big fire which destroyed 21 houses in the vicinity.

Simultaneously, another fire broke out at another labour union situated at No. 32 and at No. 24, in the road.

Four big restaurants in the vicinity were completely destroyed, and fire brigades which arrived on the scene had to encounter some difficulty in checking the blaze, which was raging in three sections of the area.

Many thousands of dollars damage was done by this fire, which fortunately, despite its extent, did not result in any casualty.

Five minutes after the fire broke out on the East Bund, another fire alarm was raised in the Shin Kee district, at a certain seamen's boarding-house, the whole building being eventually burned to the ground. The blaze lasted for full hour.

Further Outbreaks.

A further alarm was given at most simultaneously at the premises of a labourers' boarding-house at

ITALY'S TREATY WITH ALBANIA.

ENTHUSIASM OF ALBANIANS.

Tirana, Nov. 27.

There were scenes of the greatest enthusiasm in the Chamber of Deputies when they unanimously ratified the Italo-Albanian treaty.

BRITAIN'S VISITORS FROM IRAK.

THE KING TO DEPART NEXT WEEK.

London, Nov. 27.

Jafar Pasha, the Premier of Irak, left London this morning on his return to Baghdad.

King Faisal of Irak will leave London for Rome next week.

British Wireless.

THE "RED" TERROR IN KWANGTUNG.

REVOLTING TORTURE OF VICTIMS.

REFUGEES IN HONGKONG.

Regarding the "Red" terrorism in Hoifung and Luk Fung, referred to in last Saturday's *Telegraph*, we have received confirmation from Bishop Valorta, the Hongkong Vicar Apostolic, who has had complaints from refugees of the districts in question. Bishop Valorta worked for six years in the Hoifung district, and many of the refugees, as well as many of the unfortunate victims of the terrorism, are people personally known to him. He writes:

"I have been informed by many of the refugees who have reached Hongkong, that in the small town of Cip Seng over 600 were massacred: some put the number at 800, in Cip Seng only, apart from other places.

A ghastly procession of "Red Triumph" carried a number of their victims' heads from Cip Seng to Hoifung city. Amongst the victims was a very old and distinguished Chinese scholar. Before being killed, he was subjected to the torture of having his nose cut off and his ears pierced with the rope by which he was led in the procession.

Similar outrages have been, and are still, perpetrated in numerous other localities, although in minor proportions, the particulars being sometimes quite revolting.

"Red" spies are numerous everywhere: they earn often a dollar a day for their services; whilst the murderer of an "anti-Communist" secures a reward of ten dollars.

Appeal for Aid.

The misery of these poor Hoifung people is very great. It is easy to imagine the destitution of the refugees. Some of them had the additional misfortune of being pirates near Pin Hoi and robbed of even their clothes. Others have been kidnapped in the same place.

I have been trying to house, as best as I can, some fifty of these refugees and help some others for the time-being. But their number is so great and it is impossible to reach them all. Perhaps some of your readers would have pity on the distress of these poor people and help by offering temporary employment, or in any other way that would help to ward off starvation."

INDIAN BOYCOTT OF COMMISSION.

A BOMBAY LEADER'S VIEWS.

Bombay, Nov. 27.

Mr. Jinnah, the leader of the Independent party in the Legislative Assembly, interviewed by Reuter, declared that India could not share the work of the Statutory Commission in any form, or for any time, because it was a complete negation of India's status as a partner.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Khilafat Decision.

New Delhi, Nov. 27.

The working committee of the Central Khilafat Committee has resolved to present an address of welcome to the Amir of Afghanistan at Bombay, and also to support the complete boycott of the Statutory Commission.—Reuter.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE M. BRATIANO.

IMPRESSIVE MOURNING AT BUCHAREST.

Bucharest, Nov. 27.

The State funeral of the late M. Bratiano was attended by delegations from all countries.

Flags were half-masted all over the city, and the lamp-posts were draped with crepe.

The funeral service in the great hall of the Atheneum was attended by the family of M. Bratiano, by the Royal family, the Regency members, and all the State dignitaries and diplomats.

After this the coffin was taken in a gun-carriage, and followed by the cortège to the station, where it was placed above a train on the platform.

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British Wireless.

SHANGHAI CRIME.

BRITISH POLICEMEN SHOT.

MAN ARRESTED IN CAVE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Nov. 28.

A week of crime spectacularly culminated in the death of Constable Francis, and the wounding of Constable Read, during an encounter on Saturday afternoon with kidnappers.

Read was shot in the abdomen, but succeeded in killing the outlaw. and is progressing favourably.

The Provisional Court praised

the gallantry of the police.

The authorities are viewing the intensification of outlawry with grave concern.

There is already an exodus of wealthy Chinese to Japan and elsewhere.

The Forestier Murder.

In connexion with the murder of Mrs. Forestier some time ago, when the lady, it will be recalled, was brutally hacked by a Chinese

CANTON OFFICIALS.

More Leaving for Shanghai.

Canton, Nov. 28.

In response to an invitation by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the Central Kuomintang Commissioners in Canton are leaving for Shanghai to attend the preliminary session of the Kuomintang Commissioners Joint Conference, which will take place between the 3rd and the 5th of December.

Mr. Kuan Nai-kwong yesterday left for Hongkong, where he will board a steamer for Shanghai. Messrs. Chan Shiu-yan, Wang Fa-chen, Ku Mang-yu, and several other Commissioners are to leave Canton this morning for Hongkong.

Mr. Chan Kung-poh will remain in Canton to take charge of the civil administration, while General Li Fuk-lam will remain to help General Chang Fat-kwai to take charge of military affairs. The Canton Political Council, according to information from official circles, will continue functioning, with Mr. Chan and Generals Chang and Li in charge also.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Mr. Khan's Appeal for Aid.

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SEQUEL TO COLLISION WITH TURKISH SHIP.

Constantinople, Nov. 27.

Recalling the Lotus case of September last year, when the French vessel Lotus was detained after a collision with a Turkish ship, and the navigating officer arrested, though it was proved that the latter vessel was to blame, in Dobbie's first ball in the next over the man was easily caught by Wales and was removed from one of his shirts, whilst a new suit of clothes belonging to Mr. Gregory was also stolen.

ITALIAN CAPTAIN ARRESTED.

Constantinople, Nov. 27.

Off the last ball of the same over, Bielloch gave a chance to

Hongkong's bowling, Dobbie

and Wales, was good and neither

change until 51 runs had been

scored, when he relieved Dobbie

Bielloch nor Jordan were taking

risks. Four of the first eight

overs were maidens and the total

did not reach ten until play had

been in progress 20 minutes, while

Jordan was at the wicket for the

same period before breaking his

four runs had been conceded by

Brace. Foster had made 18, in

cluding three fours.—55-5-18.

Bielloch Caught.

Braddell Out.

Foster Caught.

Braddell Out.

Disaster followed disaster. The

next man in, Capt. C. H. Congdon,

was sent back without addition to

the total. He got hold of Dobbie

and essayed a run, but a swift

return by Sayer caught the bats-

men napping and Congdon was

run out.—11-2-0.

Two boundary bays carried the

total to 19, after 35 minutes' play,

when Jordan, who still had not

advanced beyond his single, was

adjudged to be leg-before-wicket

and was sent back.—19-3-1.

Malaya now defended almost

entirely on Lieut. Parker Taylor

and N. J. A. Foster, who were in

partnership for the fourth wicket.

Taylor began well, driving Wales

to the pavilion boundary with a

precise shot, sending up 20 runs.

Wales came a little faster, and

Bielloch's boundary after 42 minutes' play, the last 40 having been put

up 30 up without further loss.

Two runs later, Taylor played

his fourth ball from Dobie

about twelve minutes, when he

was bowled. The fourth disaster

Ford had then made ten.

Hankey was put on in place of

Wales, but the scoring rate did not

slacken, and three figures were

boasted after 37 minutes.

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VOLUNTEER CHURCH PARADE.

SCOTTISH COMPANY AT UNION CHURCH.

The annual Church parade of the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps yesterday morning was an impressive affair. There was a good turn out and forming up at headquarters under the command of Capt. K. S. Morrison and headed by pipers, the Company marched to Union Church in Kennedy Road where the Rev. J. Kirk Macconachie delivered an appropriate address. Members of the K.O.S.B. and pipers were also present together with the Chieftain, Mr. D. Templeton, vice-Chieftain, Mr. A. K. Henderson, and members of St. Andrew's Society and their ladies. Major Wolfe-Murray was also present together with Lieuts. T. Mackenzie and G. Duncan M.B.E. of the Scottish Company. After the service the company marched back to headquarters where Capt. Morrison welcomed the Chieftain who, in reply, said he looked forward to seeing them all at St. Andrew's Ball where he could assure them of having a good time.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macconachie preached from the text:

"And the King of Israel answered and said, tell him, let not him that girdeth on his armour boast himself as he that putteth it off." (I Kings, 20/11).

We have here a pithy saying which may or may not have been current as a common proverb when Abah sent it as his reply to Benhadad, the King of Syria's demands for submission too abject to be endured.

Like other tyrants the Syrian went further and farther in his exactions until at length even the worm was forced to turn. Brought to desperation, Abah throws out a defiance, whereupon the Syrian swears by all his gods that he will reduce Samaria to dust, as, with his overwhelming forces, he could easily do.

This is the reply: "Let not him that girdeth on his armour boast himself as he that putteth it off." Overwhelming force or no, the battle was yet to be fought; and history has repeatedly proved that boastfulness is no preparation for victory. This ancient chapter from the annals of Israel is, then, a striking illustration of the indisputable fact that pride goes before destruction.

I make my bow to that obvious implication of my text, and having done so will hasten to explain that I do not propose to read you a sermon from it as a cautionary proverb, though cautionary proverbs are believed, I fancy, to be congenial nourishment for the Scottish soul."

The Seventh Year.

Somehow the circumstances of the day put this saying into my mind, and I felt I must use it even if not in strictly logical fashion. To-day marks the seventh year in succession on which it has fallen to me to welcome the Scottish Company of the Defence Corps to this Church.

It is not impossible that it may be my lot to do it once again, but I suppose it is unlikely, and the fact bulks somewhat in one's mind.

The preacher this morning is somewhat in the position of one who is about to lay aside his armour, for the present purpose at any rate.

Not that the time has come to boast. That time will never come. If any type among us calls for painless extinction it is the relentless boaster.

No one would want to prevent our aged veterans from exchanging memories of past experiences in the club or the chimney corner, recalling anecdote and incident from the adventures and achievements of days gone by. But when the past is praised by way of reflection on the present, when the veterans give the world to understand that they were the

people and soldership has died with them, it is another story. I do not know a more unchristian habit than the way which not a few seem to drop into of depressing and discouraging those upon whom falls the brunt of the battle of life or who are about to enter it. The veteran...may see errors due to inexperience, but why harp on them? Here or there a touch of conceit or cocksureness may crop up, but it should raise a smile rather than resentment. It is all so misleading and malicious, so absolutely futile, this habit of vindictive comparison between the generations. "There were giants in the land in those days;" so runs a scrap of prehistoric tradition in the early chapters of the Bible, and it lasts up to this moment. There were giants, it is true. They lived in caves, rolled in dirt, clubbed their wives, fought one another, and sullen boastful defiance in all directions.

No Great Man.

Thank God there were also young Davids quietly minding their father's sheep, and more than a match for the old boasters when the day came.

Take all the savagery out of that ancient parable and let us admit that there are always giants in the epoch that is passing away. Geniuses, fine-talented servants, citizens of renown, character, capacity—yes, there are always such, though often we scarcely know it till they are taken from us.

But I must also believe that there are always Davids growing up, who will come forward in due time to fight our battles and God's battles.

You may, perhaps, have seen a much-advertised recent article by a well-known journalist on the new world we are said to be living in since the war. One of the headlines reads: "Is there one great man in the world to-day?" The writer appears to think not.

He says that with the doubtful exception of Woodrow Wilson, the war threw up no outstanding personality.

He goes on to ask if there is one great preacher in the country, or one great statesman, or one great poet; and he adds that there has been no giant in literature since Thomas Hardy.

As I read all that, I found a sense of familiarity creeping over me. Presently memory awoke and took a leap back over nearly 40 years to a long-forgotten evening at a hall in Devonport where I, a young student, had been put in the chair at a public debate. I forgot the precise resolution put before the meeting, but it was something about the decadence of the times, on which subject a very trenchant speaker hammered home views that seemed to meet with much acceptance. The only great statesman left was Gladstone, and he a septuagenarian.

Fiction had died with Dickens, poetry only survived in Tennyson, the pulpit had but Spurgeon and Parker. Carlyle had gone from literature; in rational philosophy Fyndall and Huxley were approaching the term of years. In short, all the glory was past or passing; we were a poor lot with a poor prospect, and never a Moses among us to lead toward lands of promise.

How the vote went eventually I can't remember, but I do recall that the young chairman got excited and asked leave to take the floor and reply to all the pessimism, and we had a great set-to!

A Cure for Pessimism.

To-day, 40 years on, I should want to do the same. How any Christian can be a pessimist is past my understanding. If I believe in God, I am bound also to believe in man, whom God has made, and not made to be a failure. Are we to despair of the world for which Christ died? Are we give up the fight because it is long and tollsome? Are we to bear ourselves as if God's resources for bringing his purposes to pass were exhausted yesterday, last century, at any period in the

past? Let us rather understand that he has always some better thing in store, if we cannot take that inference from our book of records we had better close it.

But the saying that the study of history is the best cure for pessimism is true.

The Christian Apostle puts it in the personal sphere that "experience worketh hope," which is to say that Christian faith works, as every man who sincerely tests it will find, for it will not only bring him personally through, but will furnish him with the Hope which sheds a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,—and that is a fine equipment for the battle of life.

Those of you who have been a long time in the ranks should know these things and tell of them. If out of our experience we can only speak discouragement we ought to hold our peace. Boasting of our own achievements is, as I said, excluded, but we are free to echo the Psalmist when he cries, "My soul shall boast herself in the Lord."

The Rising Tide.

Looking back over the length of years which some few of us here can recall, there are defeats and disappointments in the record no doubt. The armour soon to be laid aside is dinted and battered in many a spot; here or there perhaps pierced right through.

But it is "the campaign" we have to count by, not a season's

sprint. Historians speak of a "tide of victory," and tidal motion is up and down, forward and backward. No advance at all occurs in the eyes of the passing onlooker, but if you watch a bit longer you see the current creeps onward, the balance and the onward move is irresistible.

Well, comparing the present time with times I can well remember, I can see the tide has been rising in many respects in spite of many a set-back. Not at every point or in all directions. Not in any way or design which would justify resting on our oars. It is still a long way to Tipperary or any other outpost of the Golden Age. Anybody so minded might easily fill out an imposing schedule of failures, drawbacks and shortcomings the world around, while here on the edge of chaotic China we may seem to be in a sheer backwater for the time. Yet even about that one should not make too sure.

It is when waters are troubled that their healing virtues are liberated, and one of the things experience has taught some of us is not to make a bogey of mere unrest; much more dangerous is to be into stagnation.

Great Strides Made.

Granted anyhow, that no one would deny, that a very great deal is very much amiss. I cannot but believe that ground has been gained within my own remem-

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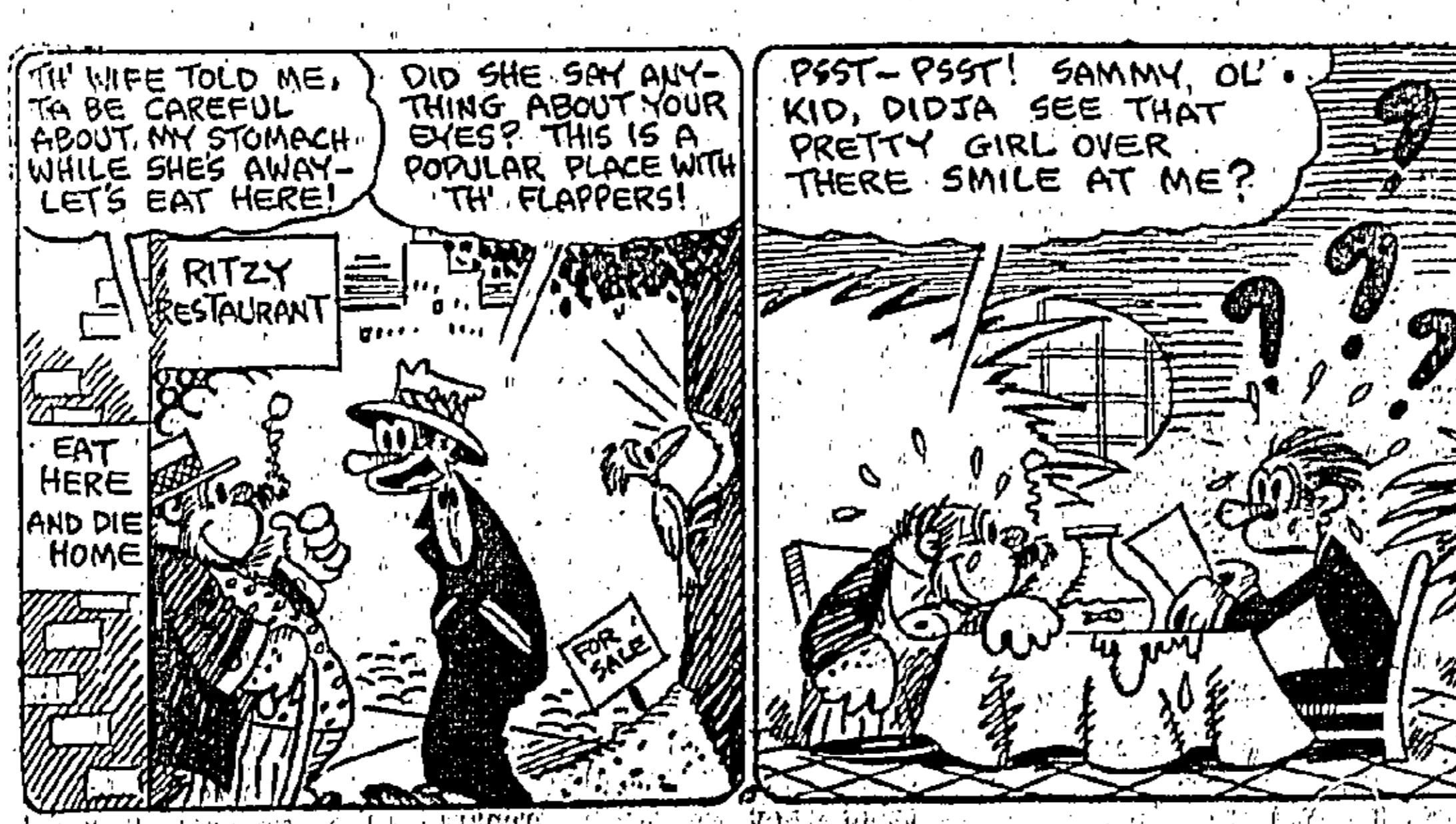
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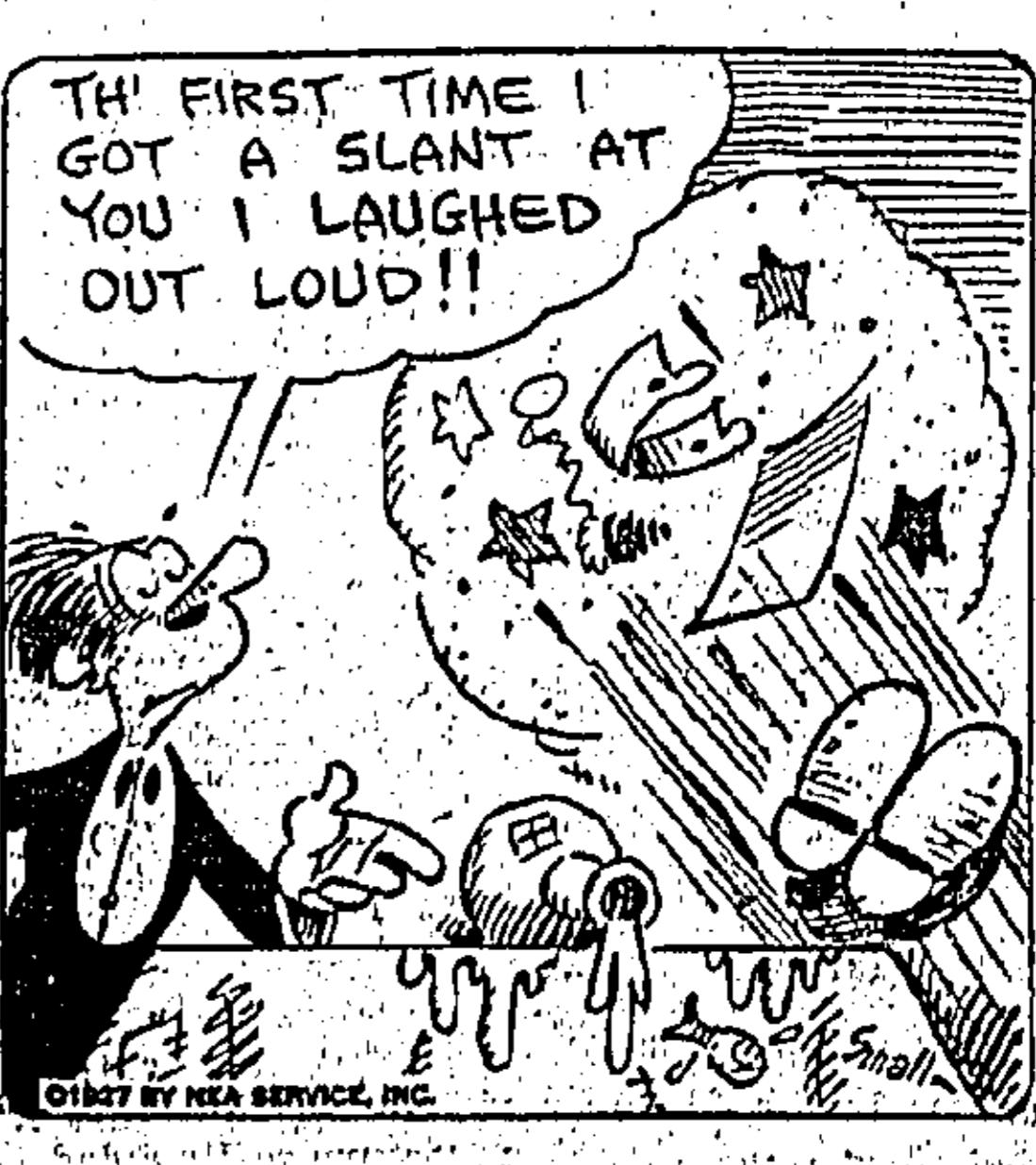
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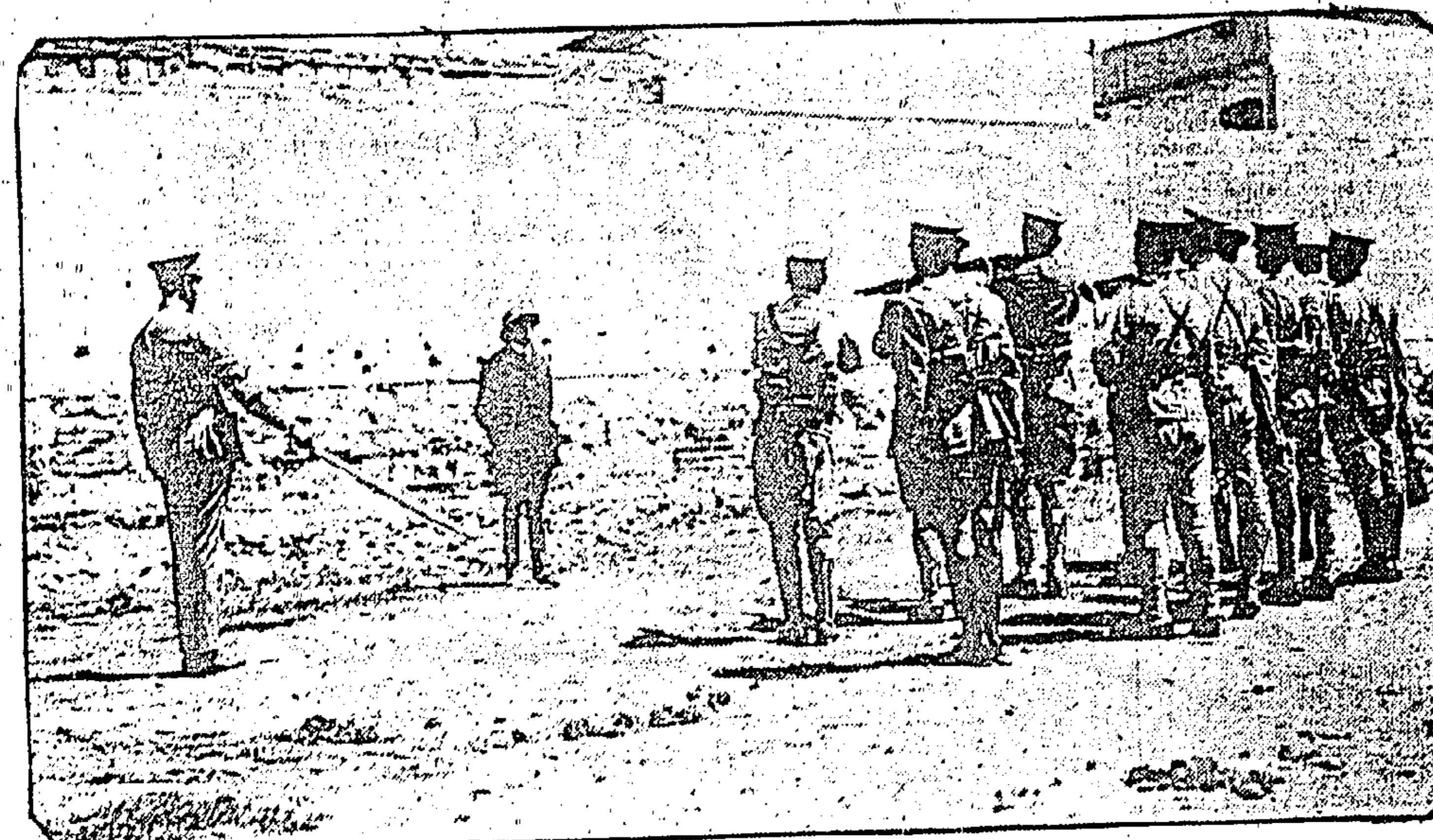


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PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND DECORATIONS TO POLICE.—Six medals, both Class 1 and Class 2, were presented to foreign, Chinese and Sikh police for bravery during the past year, at the Drill Hall at Shanghai, recently, while 12 foreign officers of high rank and some 28 Sikh and Chinese members of Force received long service medals indicating 20 years service with the S. M. P. The presentation was made by Mr. Sterling Fessenden, Chairman of the S. M. C., and was attended by members of the Council and representatives of the North China Command.



EXECUTION OF MEXICAN REBEL.—The bleak passing of a Mexican general who participated in the Gomez-Serrano revolt is shown in this photograph. The victim was General Alfredo Rueda Quijano, commander of a cavalry regiment of the Mexico City Garrison. Quijano waved goodbye to American newspaper correspondents he recognized in the crowd which witnessed his execution. The photograph shows Quijano with his back to the wall of the grim courtyard of San Lazaro military prison in Mexico City, the firing squad with rifles levelled, and the officer in charge dropping his sword as the signal to fire. An instant later Quijano crumpled to the ground.



WEDDING AT SHANGHAI UNION CHURCH.—Group taken after the wedding, on November 2 at Union Church, Shanghai, of Mr. Alexander Young Tait and Miss Lily Fraser McEachern. The bridesmaid was Miss Kathleen Newcomb, the matron of honour Mrs. Percy Campbell, and the bestman Mr. A. Pollock. Mr. P. Campbell gave the bride away.



NEW LORD MAYOR.—Sir Charles Batho is the new Lord Mayor of London. He is seen here in his ceremonial robes.



HUNT FOR PARENTS.—For seventeen years Harold John McKibben, 21 thought he was Juan Gomez Chavez, son of a wealthy rancher at Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico. When he told Chavez he intended to enter politics, the ranchman showed the boy the court order which disclosed he had been abandoned in El Paso, Texas in 1910, by American parents. The court had placed him in custody of the rancher. Now the young man is seeking his parents.



JAPAN'S "FLAPPERS."—Tokyo police and long-faced conservatives have a new problem to cope with—the modern Japanese flapper, with short skirts and socks. Here is pictured one of the girls in a short skirt, strolling along the Ginza. But the police don't know what they are going to do about it.

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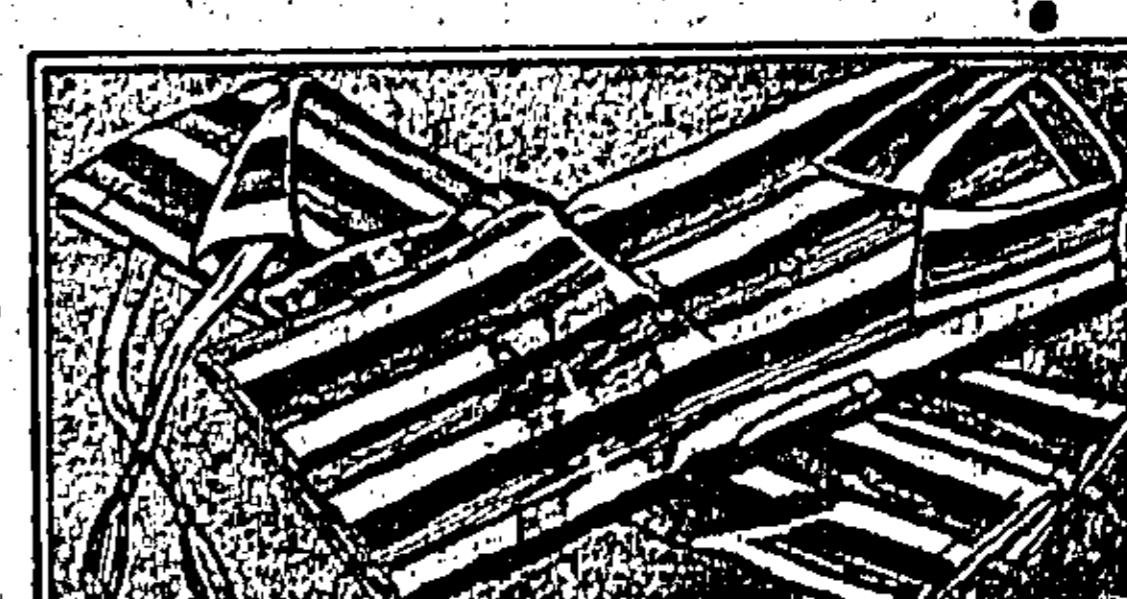
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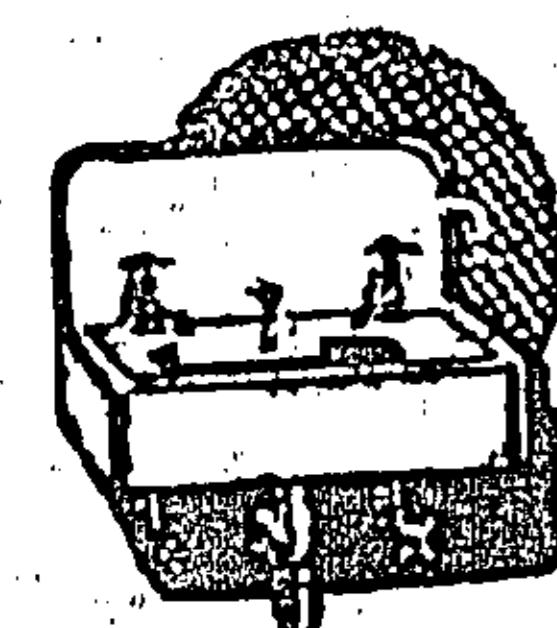
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LOSS OF CONTROL.

First Lieutenant Matthew E. Finn, army aviator stationed at Clark Field, Camp Stotsenburg, near Manila, was instantly killed on November 21st, when his plane crashed to the ground from an altitude of about 300 feet. The deceased officer started his army career in 1917 during the first months of the United States' entrance into the World War. He was commissioned in 1918 and in 1921 graduated from the air service observation school.

Lieutenant Finn took off at Clark Field at 8 a.m. in a pursuit single-seater plane to engage in straight course and from an altitude of 300 feet made a gradual 180 degree turn to the left with safety.

Just what happened to the plane after Lieutenant Finn had turned on his new course is a matter of speculation. He apparently lost complete control of it within a second's time, for it made a 30 degree dive to the ground and crashed into a thick grove of trees about a mile from Clark Field.

It is estimated that the plane was travelling at 130 miles an hour when the accident occurred. The wings and fuselage in front of the cockpit were demolished, while the parachute was found intact, indicating that the pilot did not anticipate trouble.

Lieutenant Finn is a native of the District of Columbia and was 30 years of age. He is survived by his wife and small son.

THE PHILIPPINES
GOVERNORSHIP.MR. COOLIDGE SEEKS RIGHT
PERSONALITY.

Washington, Nov. 18. In selecting the new Governor General of the Philippines, President Coolidge intends to find a man who will carry out the work commenced by the late General Wood and who will adhere strictly to the enforcement of the Jones organic act. This was made known at the White House to-day.

It also was disclosed that the President favours the selection of a man with some experience in the Philippines and who is familiar with conditions there. He is still canvassing the list of candidates, and had not indicated how far he has gone in cutting down the field.

It was said on behalf of the President that he is resentful over implications that friends of General Wood are attempting to have a governor-general selected who would perpetuate Wood's policies in the Philippines. Mr. Coolidge resents this because he feels that he was one of General Wood's best friends, and considers that no one appreciated Wood's work more than he.

The President is of the opinion that the repeated speculations in newspapers regarding the successor to General Wood are inspired both in the United States and in the Philippines by a desire to obtain advance information as to who will be appointed.

It was recalled that during General Wood's visit to President Coolidge last summer, the governor-general publicly declared that he was satisfied with the support the President had given him.

Mr. Coolidge feels that if any of General Wood's friends are fearful that his good work has been overlooked they may be reassured.

The President feels that the Philippine situation, disturbed as it is by constant agitation, is not helped by personalities, and believes that after all Government is regulated by law, not men, and that a successful administration needs only to follow the law.

U.S. NAVY WANTS MORE
AVIATORS.

ASKS FOR DATA FROM ALL
OFFICERS.

Washington, Nov. 19. The navy will immediately make a substantial increase in the number of its aviators, Secretary Wilbur announced here today. He said that there were now 475 naval aviators on active duty.

With a view to increasing this number, the department has asked for information concerning the physical fitness for aviation training of all commissioned officers who on July 1, 1928, will have had two or more years service in the navy.

"MERRIE ENGLAND."

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S
PRODUCTION.

"Merrie England, indeed!" A gentleman, who returned from leave a week or so ago, informed the writer that he had had five fine days whilst at Home!

The period at which the Philharmonic Society's test production takes place is on a fine May Day about 1950 when probably, the weather was more settled than during the past summer, and the people of Windsor have a right royal time.

Roses, laughter, dancing, and bright dresses abound, mead and sack flow freely, and all is merriment. The May Queen is crowned, and a witch chased. The climax of the day is reached when the happy crowd are visited by the Queen and court, the only cloud being the discovery by the angry Queen of Raleigh's intrigue with Bessie Throckmorton, and the committal of the two lovers to imprisonment and exile.

The more important parts are played as follows:

Mr. H. Glover as the Earl of Essex, is heard to great advantage in that splendid song "The Yeoman of England," while Sir Walter Raleigh is taken by Mr. C. D. Lake, whose pleasing tenor blends well with Mrs. M. Minney as Bessie Throckmorton.

The pathetic part of "Jill-All-Alone," the reputed witch, is sung by Mrs. C. P. Marcel, and that of her lover and protector by Mr. A. E. Stone, while his brother Big Ben is portrayed by Mr. R. Dorben.

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HOW MME. BORODIN
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CHINESE JUDGE.

READS LIKE FICTION.

Washington, Nov. 19. The indiscreet confidences of one of the principals in the plot have revealed to the Tientsin correspondent of the *Daily Express* the truth about the mysterious escape of Mme. Borodin from Peking last summer according to that paper.

The elusive lady had disappeared as if the earth had swallowed her up. So had the judge also. He wrote his judgment, with one hand and his resignation, so to speak, with the other, and shook the dust of Peking off his feet. Whether he went has never been revealed, but there were public charges that he had received a very substantial doceur and had fled to the south.

The three persons most immediately concerned in the escape of Mme. Borodin, it has just been ascertained here, were a Portuguese ne'er-do-well, his Russian wife (an active secret agent of the Soviet Government), and his Chinese mistress. Through the Russian woman the Soviet authorities offered a sum of £10,000 for the release of Mme. Borodin.

The Chinese mistress happened to be relative of, or, at any rate, well acquainted with, the trial judge, and she soon got into touch with the latter. The bargain was struck at £7,000, and the Portuguese rented a house in an obscure part of Peking, whither Mme. Borodin was secretly conveyed after her release. There she remained closely hidden for some ten days, while a Portuguese passport was prepared.

Disguise Prepared.

Mme. Borodin's face was painted, her hair was dyed, and other preparations were made for the escape from Peking. The Portuguese accompanied the lady to Tientsin, and installed her in a house in the French Concession, with his Russian wife and a Soviet secret agent. A few days later passage was obtained in a Japanese ship to Shanghai, by way of Dairen. From Shanghai it was a simple matter to proceed to Vladivostok aboard one of the Soviet steamers.

Incidentally the Soviet agents in Hankow raided the premises of M. Beichenko, former Russian Consul-General, but in recent years Consul for Portugal, a month after the arrest of Mme. Borodin. Many official documents were seized in this raid, and it was probably in this manner that the Portuguese passport was obtained.

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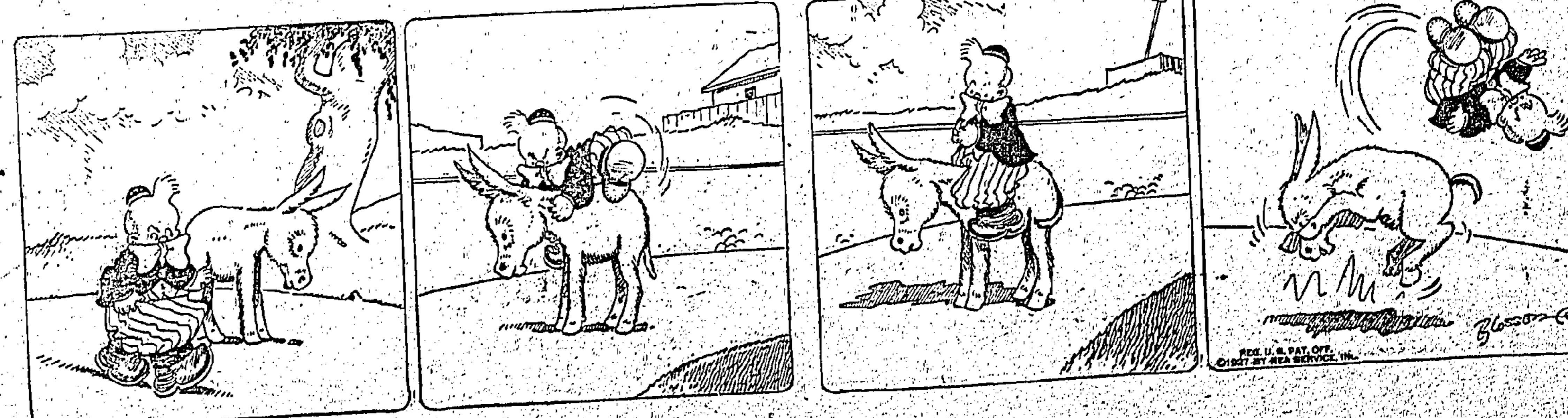
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

PHILIPPINES RULE
DISCUSSED.WASHINGTON CONTEM-
PLATES MINOR CHANGES.

Washington, Nov. 19. Chairman Kress, of the House insular committee, does not favour the proposal to remove the jurisdiction over the Philippines from the War Department, he said to-day.

Explaining that he had no idea of introducing a Bill providing for the transfer of the islands to another department, Representative Kress said he felt that the war department had handled the Philippines very well.

President Coolidge is giving careful consideration to the selection of the successor to General Wood, Kress said, at the same time expressing a belief that the President would wait until Congress convenes next month before naming the Governor-General.

Kress has conferred twice with the President on Philippine affairs recently, but said that he hadn't recommended anyone for the Philippine post.

He said that he plans to reintroduce his Bill clarifying the powers of the insular auditor. The same bill will provide for an appropriation by congress to pay the salaries of the Governor-General, two assistants, the Vice-Governor-General, the justices of the Supreme Court and the insular auditor.

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Three women were charged with assaulting another woman outside 2, Wing Wan Terrace, and the complainant, who was in a delicate condition, had to go to hospital for a week. The case was adjourned for the calling of medical evidence.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared for the complainant and Mr. L. D. Turner defended.

Evidence was given by Dr. J. R. Craig on the woman's condition, and, in reply to Mr. Brooks, he said there was a slight abrasion but no severe bruises.

Mr. Turner argued that if the complainant had been kicked as alleged there would have been bruises.

His Worship decided to convict. He fined the first defendant \$25 and bound the other two over in a bond of \$50 to keep the peace for six months.

ARMED ROBBERY
SCARE.

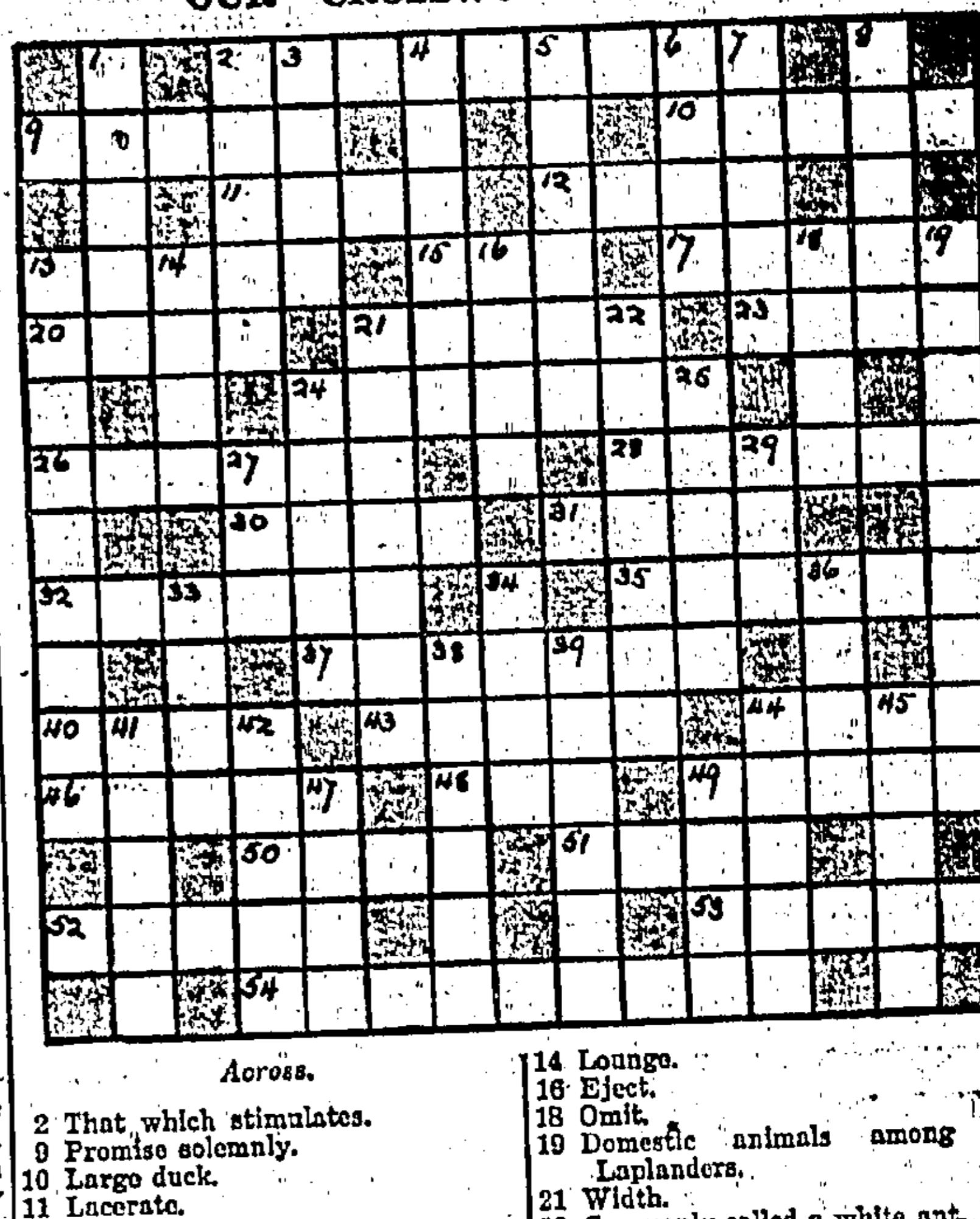
ONLY A FIGHT OVER RENT.

A report was received this morning, at 10:30 o'clock, to the effect that an armed robbery had taken place at a house in Bridges Street, and that the assistance of the police was immediately required.

Without losing a moment, a party of detectives was despatched to the scene but later returned to the Central Station to report that the "armed robbery" was nothing more or less than a fracas between a landlord and his tenant over a question of rent.

The girl, her brother-in-law and his wife were all charged before Major Willson this morning and were defended by Mr. F. H. Loseby. The case was formally adjourned until to-morrow morning.

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WAR RUMBLINGS.

News over the week-end is hardly cheerful, so far as the world peace question is concerned. Almost on the eve of a preliminary disarmament conference at Geneva, there comes a report of grave events on the Polish-Lithuanian frontier, and of ill-feeling in the Balkans and elsewhere over the recently-concluded Italo-Albanian treaty of mutual defence. Only recently, very dangerous seeds of dissension were sown by the conclusion of a treaty along somewhat similar lines between France and Yugoslavia. The Italian alliance with Albania appears to be a reply to that. To pursue the subject further, it was just a few months ago that France and Italy were exhibiting considerable friction over frontier incidents which threatened to develop more seriously. It appears as if League of Nations is going to have its hands full in keeping the peace in Europe. The latest auguries are far from good, and one is driven to the conclusion that the nations, as ever, are possessed of short memories, and the lessons of the late war are in danger of being overlooked in the flush of new ambitions. Indeed, in these present international difficulties we observe one of the evil-effects of the late conflict, which resulted, in part, in an artificial set of racial demarcations, and the creation of buffer states, both in the Balkans and in north-eastern Europe, which are likely to prove worse sources of trouble than the old groupings. Yugoslavia has never been comfortable, if one may use that term, in its new-found independence, and Poland has from the outset been too much inclined towards militarism, as well as too prone to lean on French support both militarily and politically. Two danger spots exist, then, which unfortunately appear to be involved at the same moment in quarrels and jealousies that threaten an upheaval of a nature which it may take the bigger nations all their time to subdue.

Too Common.

Scarcely a week goes by in Hongkong without a request being made to the local newspapers from one source or another, to refrain from publishing certain items of news. Usually, the persons making the requests are defendants either in civil actions on Police Court cases, or their solicitors on their behalf. The customary answer given to these folk is that publicity in the columns of the Press is one of the consequences of a person becoming involved in Court cases. Again and again in police prosecutions, even where the defendant admits full guilt, the request to keep it out of the paper is made merely because the individual concerned does not wish the public to know of his lapse. We can, of course, conceive of cases in which the plea for non-publication can and should be respected, but, so far as we are concerned, it may perhaps be well for the public generally to understand that only for the very strongest reasons can such a concession be made. During the past week, a local solicitor suggested in the Summary Court that the Press should refrain from reporting a case, on the ground that the defendant in the action was a professional gentleman. To that remark Mr. Justice Wood very properly replied that "there is no privacy in open Court." The rejoinder by the solicitor that there was a question of etiquette, frankly surprises us. There is, of course, such a thing as professional etiquette between members of the same profession, but no point of etiquette requires that the Press should refrain from mentioning a case in which a professional man happens to figure as the defendant. Incidentally, in the case mentioned there was a suggestion, on the part of the plaintiff, that the hearing take place in Chambers, but Mr. Justice Wood ordered that it be held in open Court. That raises another point—namely, the frequency with which cases are taken in camera in Hongkong. The impression is current that far too many cases are dealt with in that way locally, and for that reason it is gratifying to see a presiding Judge decline to remove a case from the publicity of an open Court to the privacy of his Chambers.

mination to prepare for them. Italy, unfortunately, has not exhibited any tendency to adopt a conciliatory attitude in disputes which have affected her, and it appears as if Fascism and militarism are allied policies. The treacherous attitude of the Duke in all foreign policy has been most marked, and one cannot but deplore the effects which such a programme must have on millions of susceptible people. It was only a few months ago that Mussolini spoke of the part which his country meant to take in "the coming war," which he placed early within the present generation. Italy's administration seems thus to foresee a big upheaval, and to be determined to take an effective part therein. Is the treaty with Albania a preliminary step in preparedness? It rather appears so.

Everywhere are signs of the restlessness which spells racial antagonisms, bitter enough in some cases to form a menace to world peace. What could the League of Nations do in case two big Powers went to war, and, as appears likely, refused to acquiesce in the Geneva body's attempts at settlement? Would it not require a wholesale conflict to decide the issue, thus dragging nations in who would otherwise gladly keep out of the quarrel? No wonder there is no definition of a "war of aggression," and no wonder that British statesmanship has refused to commit the nation, and the Empire, to compulsory arbitration, or any other awkward ruling whereby interference in somebody else's quarrels would become incumbent on us. We ourselves cannot afford to be involved in another big war for a long time to come. If attacked, we must defend ourselves, but if we can keep out of an extraneous affair we must do so. It remains to be seen, however, whether Britain, any more than other of the big Powers, could refrain from intervention were a serious European conflict to develop. It is disquieting to think of this, and more so when one observes the disregard in some quarters for the essential safeguards against inflaming bellicose passions. One can only hope that saner counsels will prevail wherever the threat of war develops.

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SHIP ON ROCKS.**DETAILS OF AMHERST MISHAP.****S.S. DITMARKOEL'S PERIL.**

The following details of the stranding of the German freighter Ditmarkoel, briefly cabled at the time, are given in the *Shanghai Times* of last Tuesday:

The treacherous Amherst Rocks, dread of all China coast vessels, claimed another victim on Sunday night, and last night held it, a writhing amid the fury of a north-westerly gale, its holds filled with water and ready to slide off at any moment into the depth nearby. The vessel is the German freighter Ditmarkoel, chartered by the Kailan Mining Administration. The fear was expressed that night that the ship would be a total loss.

The Ditmarkoel, of 9,500 tons, carries a cargo of 8,700 tons of coal for the Kailan Mining Administration from Chinwangtung port of Shanghai. There were no passengers. The Ditmarkoel left the coal-port on November 17 and was due to reach Shanghai on Sunday night. About 50 miles from Shanghai, where the Amherst Rocks rise just 25 feet out of the water, the liner came to grief at seven o'clock Sunday night. With a grinding crash, followed by a destructive ripping sound audible above the roar of the wind and lashing waves, the huge vessel piled high on to the rocks, her hull being torn open by them; letting in the water at a dangerous rate. She is expected to be a total loss.

The forepeak was first to suffer and was almost immediately flooded. Then holds Nos. 1, 2, and 3 filled in turn indicating that the vessel went head-on to the rocks. Unlike the Jardine's steamer Lienshing which struck the rocks a glancing blow over a year ago, going down in less than an hour, the Ditmarkoel had no opportunity of avoiding striking the rocks, it was stated.

Being only two and a half months in these waters and her captain and crew comparative strangers on the China coast, the Amherst Rocks proved a double menace. Captain C. Meyer was in command of the Ditmarkoel when she struck. Her officers and engineers are all Germans who accompanied the vessel out from Hamburg. The firemen and sailors include a number of Chinese and Indians, an official connected with the vessel stated. The crew numbers approximately 70.

Tugs Go Out.

Immediately news of the disaster reached Shanghai by wireless on Sunday night the tugs Saucy and St. Dominic of the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company left port and proceeded towards Amherst Rocks. But they did not reach the stranded steamer until late in the afternoon, it was learned, owing to their being prevented from passing Wusung by the Chinese authorities. This information could not be verified from the tugs themselves last night, owing to their being still alongside the Ditmarkoel, but an official who is closely connected with the vessel stated that to be a fact.

The vessel was in constant touch with Shanghai from the moment it struck until late at night and a message received states that the two rescue tugs had reached the scene of the disaster but were unable to get alongside owing to the heavy seas running. At that time, the crew still remained on board for to have taken to the lifeboats was not only unnecessary then but also dangerous owing to the high seas and gale blowing.

The Ditmarkoel was under charter to the Kailan Mining Administration for three months and was to have made another trip to Chinwangtung and then proceed to Vladivostock to load beans, etc., for Europe. The owners of the vessel are in Hamburg and placed the ship in the hands of Messrs. Helferson and Reeves, local brokers who chartered her to the K.M.A.

The local agents expressed the fear last night that the Ditmarkoel would be a total loss. Her position on the rocks, the extensive flooding of her holds and the nature of the weather are all against salvage being effected.

The *Roma* of Naples is lamenting loudly in its columns that Italian men have accepted the hatless fashion with enthusiasm, and that owing to its mild climate, Naples is one of the first to suffer from the new craze. The average yearly output of hats in Italy is six million, of which over four million are exported; and it is calculated that the new fashion means a loss to the trade of some eight million lire. The straw-hat manufacturers are the hardest hit of all.

THE DISARMAMENT DISCUSSION.**IMPORTANCE OF RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION.****AGREEMENT WITHIN GRASP.**

London, Nov. 27. Lord Cuschendun, who succeeds Lord Cecil as the British representative to the League of Nations, will leave London to-morrow for Geneva, where the preparatory commission on disarmament will, on Wednesday, resume its attempt to agree on a draft convention for limitation of armaments.

If such an agreement is reached, a full international conference on world disarmament will be convened next year.

When the commission held its last meeting, in the spring of this year, Lord Cecil expressed the opinion that: "If the countries represented at Geneva really desire a draft convention for limitation of armaments, which shall state the principles and methods whereby such limitation is attainable, that agreement is within their grasp."

There was, however, a common reservation in the minds of all those who worked in the commission.

As Russia was not a party to the work, it was clear that no convincing undertaking about disarmament could be drafted. This week, by contrast, Litvinov and Lunacharsky will represent Russia.

The *Observer* to-day remarks that Russian participation transforms next Wednesday's event into the first clear opportunity for effective progress towards technical disarmament on broad lines. The statement made by Sir Austen Chamberlain last Thursday, when the subject of disarmament was debated in the House of Commons, has left the world with no excuse for misunderstanding Great Britain's policy. The Protocol has been buried as a tactical mistake, but any effective means to peace and disarmament will be supported by intense British sincerity.—*British Wireless*.

ATTEMPT TO KILL A MAYOR.**VIENNA ACTOR'S SEARCH FOR PUBLICITY.****VIENNA: NOV. 27.**

A well known actor shot at Dr. Seitz, Mayor of Vienna, as he was leaving the "Snow" Palace after a public function. The Mayor was not hurt and his assailant has been arrested.—*Reuters*.

VIENNA: LATER.

The Mayor's assailant, who is named Streicher, said that he belonged to no political party, and had no accomplice.

He explained that he attempted to kill the Mayor for the purpose of drawing the attention of the world to the deplorable condition of the people of Austria, for which he blamed foreign countries.—*Reuters*.

EXPRESS DERAILLED IN BELGIUM.**Nobody killed in the CRASH.****BRUSSELS, NOV. 27.**

The Brussels-Calais express was derailed when entering the station at Ghislenghien, north-east of Mons, and in the crash a child was killed and a woman injured.

LATER.

Five coaches overturned, in the express disaster. The child was not killed, but seriously injured, also its mother. Six other persons had minor injuries.—*Reuters*.

ANOTHER OF CHINA'S SORROWS.**THE FAMINE-STRICKEN NORTH.****PEKING, NOV. 18.**

Refugees from the famine in Shantung are flocking to Tsinan. It is estimated that 20,000 are begging on the streets. They are shelterless and scantly clad, despite the winter weather.

Hundreds of thousands of persons in Honan are likely to suffer this winter because of the constant sweep of armies across the province, ravaging farmers and stores.

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anti-cyclone is general to the north of Korea. The typhoon appears to be 500 miles east of Cashin, travelling north. Strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and fresh monsoon over the China Sea. The local weather forecast is: N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

HANKOW RIFT.**GENERAL'S STILL AT VARIANCE.****NEW SPLIT POSSIBLE.**

Hankow, Nov. 27. The "situation" in Hankow is still somewhat indefinite and militaries are still quarrelling among themselves regarding nominees to the more lucrative posts. There still seems to be a probability that this difference of opinion among the military leaders may result in a break with Nanking.

A report is current that General Yang Sen has been ordered to withdraw his Army from Shasi to Szechuan, the order being given by Sang Tsin-wu, Feng Yu-hsiang's subordinate.—*Naomi Wireless*.

NANKING SUCCESS.**Capture of Yochow.**

Shanghai, Nov. 28. Reliable reports, from the Military authorities at Nanking, stated that the 1st and 3rd Divisions of the 7th Nanking Army have captured Yochow, where the remnants of General Tang Seng-chi's forces were holding out. The retreating forces have retired towards Shanghai and Linning.—*Nam Chung Po*.

B.R.T. LAUNCHES GUARDED.**British Naval Aid Obtained.**

London, Nov. 27. A message from Shanghai states that naval guards are protecting the launches of the British American Tobacco Company, from attacks by armed labour pickets.—*British Wireless*.

NATIONALIST LEADERS.**Three Visit Nanking.**

Shanghai, Nov. 28. General Li Chai-sum has left Shanghai for Nanking. It is understood that General Li will pay a visit to the late Sun Yat-sen's tomb at Chi-kuo Hill and will return to Shanghai in the course of a few days.

Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. Wang Ching-wei left Shanghai for Nanking on the 27th by night train, after attending the recent "conversational meeting" of Kuomintang leaders at Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's residence.—*Nam Chung Po*.

H.M.S. BERWICK COMING.**Addition to Cruiser Squadron.**

The new cruiser Berwick is ordered to be commissioned with a full Devonport crew, on November 1, for service in the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, China Station, says a London exchange.

The Berwick.

The Berwick, of which Captain R. S. Wykes-Sneyd, D.S.O., has been in command since April, is the first to be completed of the five 10,000-ton cruisers of the 1924 programme. She was built by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company.

The nominal strength of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron

is five ships, but the Despatch, Captain R. B. Ramsay, has just returned home to Chatham, and the four units at present on the station are the Hawkins, Carlisle, Durban, and Vindictive.

SOVIET TROOPS GATHER.**Frontier Invasion Feared.****London, Nov. 18.**

A dispatch to the *Westminster Gazette* from Peking says that Governor Hei Lung-kiang reports that 10,000 Soviet troops of the 14th division are assembled on the frontier.

The governor has asked the Peking Government to protest to the United States because of fears of an invasion.

SINO-SPANISH TREATY.**Objections to Abrogation.****Peking, Nov. 20.**

"By order of his Catholic Majesty," the Spanish legation to-day handed a note to the Chinese foreign office protesting against the abrogation of the Sino-Spanish commercial treaty.

The note declares that the Spanish government considers China's action as lacking in friendliness, and adds that Spain reserves all rights to full liberty of action.

The foreign office was reminded that Spain consented to enter into negotiations for a new treaty only after obtaining a promise from the Chinese foreign minister that pending such negotiations Spain would be granted the same advantages as other nations with which China is discussing treaties.

The treaty in controversy was entered into between Spain and China in 1864. Chang Tao-lin, the Manchurian dictator, recently ordered its abrogation.

FOUR YEARS FOR AN ARMED MAN.**SEQUEL TO SEARCH OF A MOTOR-CAR.****ON WAY TO UNLONG.**

Hankow, Nov. 27. The arrest of a Chinese in possession of a revolver loaded in five chambers, in addition to having 92 rounds of ammunition, was effected by two detectives in Mongkok on November 17, when they stopped and searched the passengers of a public motor-car which was conveying these persons to various destinations in the New Territories.

As soon as the car was stopped, one of the passengers was seen to put a parcel on the seat next to him, and on opening the package later, the detectives found it to contain 92 rounds of ammunition. The men were then ordered to submit to a search, and the same man put his hand under his jacket. The hand was immediately seized and it was found that this passenger had a revolver concealed in his girdle. The weapon, which was a six-chambered revolver, was loaded with five rounds.

This passenger appeared to have been in a hurry as he had given the driver instructions to take him and another man to Un Long immediately.

The arrested man was charged before Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Wilson at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with being in unlawful possession of arms, and was sentenced to four years' hard labour.

In reply to a question, Sub-Inspector Dick said that the revolver did not appear to have been fired recently. The defendant was put up for identification in connexion with several armed robberies but was not recognised.

The defendant, when asked, said that he had been given the revolver by a clansman as protection against robberies, and was told to take the weapon to Un Long.

INDIAN MONEYLENDER ROBBED.**THIEF GETS AWAY WITH BIG SUM.**

Cash, jewellery, and promissory notes to the value of about \$5,500 were obtained by a man who broke into the house of Besang Singh, an Indian money-lender, living at Tai Hang Village, Causeway Bay, on Saturday afternoon.

It appears that the money, notes, and valuables were kept in a box which was locked, the key being kept in a secret place in the house. On Saturday afternoon, Besang Singh was not at home, but his wife was indoors, and the amah was sitting at the bottom of the stairs looking after the children.

Shortly after two o'clock, Besang Singh's wife left the house for the purpose of buying some vegetables and returned at half past two. On her return she found that the box had been opened with the key, and the contents extracted.

The amah states that she has no knowledge of anyone having passed her to enter the house during her mistress's absence, so that a good deal of mystery surrounds the affair.

It is thought that the thief must have received information as to the contents of the box and the place where the key was kept, as otherwise he would not have been able to effect the haul so quickly.

U.S. SUGAR SUPPLY.**MATTER AFFECTING THE PHILIPPINES.****Washington, Nov. 18.**

Declaring that Philippine independence will thrust itself forward until settled one way or another, the *Washington Post* links this with the problem of a sugar supply for the United States in time of war.

The *Post* says that merchant ships and warship convoys would be needed should the United States be a belligerent, whereas if some foreign nation were warring with the United States, as a neutral, would be compelled to convoy its sugar from the Philippines at the risk of war or suffer its vessels to be seized by belligerents.

The Minister of Labour announces that on October 10 the total number of persons on the registers of employment exchanges in Great Britain was 1,073,000. This was 2,875 less than a week before and 463,832 less than a year before, when the figures were affected by the dispute in the coal-mining industry.

THE POLISH DISPUTE OVER VILNA.**LITHUANIAN ACCUSATIONS OF INTRIGUE.****REPORTS OF REVOLT UNTRUE.**

Kovno, Nov. 27. Reports of a revolution here, and the deposition of the Government, are unfounded.—*Reuters*.

POLAND Blamed.

Berlin, Nov. 27. Replying to a telegram requesting his opinion on the situation in Lithuania, M. Valdemars, the Lithuanian Prime Minister, has telegraphed to Reuter's correspondent at Berlin declaring that there is overwhelming evidence that certain persons who fled from Lithuania, after the attempted revolution at Taurogen in September last year, are being used by the Polish Government to organise a revolution against the Lithuanian Government.

Status of Vilna.

Valdemars emphasises that no party in Lithuania is ready to renounce Vilna to Poland.

He is ready to resume normal relations with Poland when a satisfactory agreement is reached with regard to Vilna, and when Poland shows readiness to respect the independence of Lithuania.—*Reuters*.

DISLOYAL OFFICERS ARRESTED.**Riga, Nov. 27.**

Some 20 to 30 disloyal officers are reported to have been arrested at Kovno, where all is quiet, but the atmosphere is tense.

The majority of the army at present are supporting the Government.—*Reuters*.

France's Interest.

Paris, Nov. 27. The Polono-Lithuanian situation remains obscure, as viewed from Paris. The French Government, however, is convinced that Poland will not take any step likely to disturb the peace on the eve of a discussion of the Vilna question by the League Council.

Meanwhile the attitude of the German Government is considered satisfactory. The French Ambassador at Berlin has informed the Quai D'Orsay that Herr Stresemann is determined to act in a conciliatory capacity alongside M. Briand and Sir Austen Chamberlain.

French circles are of the opinion that the Soviet Note to Poland is designed for theatrical effect. It has not caused any sensation in Paris.—*Reuters*.</

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LATEST HOME RUGBY.

OXFORD BEAT THE HARLEQUINS.

London, Nov. 19.

In coldish and appalling weather the following results were obtained among the leading Rugby clubs in the country:

New South Wales beat Northumberland 14—9.

Harlequins were defeated by Oxford on their own ground by 9—6.

Cambridge beat Old Leysians 30—13.

Richmond beat London Scottish 13—6.

Swansea beat Leicester 6—3.

Blackheath met Guy's Hospital at Blackheath, the visitors winning by 9—3.

Newport beat Gloucester 24—3.

Old Merchant Taylors beat Coventry 8—6.

Portsmouth Services and Cardiff played a pointless draw.

Lancashire beat Yorkshire 22—9.

HOME FOOTBALL DISPUTE.

SCENE AT BRENTFORD.

London, Nov. 19.

In the League match between Brentford and Walsall, which Brentford won by 4 goals to 1, the referee caused the game to be abandoned owing to bad light.

The spectators demonstrated, however, whereupon the team and the directors reappeared, but in vain.

PRICE CUTTING AT HOME.

THE TENNIS BALLS CONTROVERSY.

London, Nov. 19.

The tennis-ball makers have declared war on the Lawn Tennis Association's acceptance of Messrs. Jaques and Son's tender to supply "official" tennis balls at 15s. 6d. per dozen.

A motor car driver parked a car in Connaught Road Central yesterday and during his temporary absence someone stole the silver mascot from the bonnet.

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THE WORLD OF SPORT.

STILL UNBEATEN.

CHINESE ATHLETIC WIN AGAIN.

RECREO OUTMANOEUVRED.

[By "Wanderer".]

There was no contradicting the merit of the Chinese Athletic's victory over the Club de Recreo on Saturday. The most important match of the day, it ended in success for the Athletic by the only goal scored, and, in a few words, the Chinese justified their league leadership.

A most creditable victory was scored by the Scots Guards over the Queen's Royal, Liverpool, while the struggle to avoid bottom place in the Senior League tightened by the H.K.F.C.'s win against South China.

St. Joseph's brought off a surprise in the Junior Division "A" in taking two points from Chinese Athletic, but the remaining results accorded much with anticipations.

The Results.

The full results are appended:

Senior Division.

South China	1	H.K.F.C.	2
R.A.	3	Kowloon	0
K.O.S.B.	0	R.A.F.	2
Queen's Ath.	0	Scots Guards	2
Chinese Ath.	1	Recreo	0

Junior Division "A".

Kowloon	0	R.A. Res.	1
K.O.S.B.	6	Recreo	0
S. Chi. "B"	3	Club Res.	1
Chinese Ath.	2	St. Joseph's	3
University	0	S. China "A"	4

Junior Division "B".

S. China "A"	4	Boy Scouts	1
S. Chi. "B"	2	Chinese Ath.	5
Kowloon	1	S. China "B"	5

Odd Goal Decides.

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Comfortable Win.

Weakened by the loss of both their regular backs, Kowloon went down by three goals to the Royal Artillery, who gave a much superior all-round display and well deserved their success.

Kowloon flattered to deceive. A bright beginning with the attack in good fettle, and Sims giving one of his best displays, looked promising but Trim nipped several dangerous moves in the bud, and eventually the R.A. half-backs assumed control of the game.

Sargent scored before half-time after a misunderstanding between Dodson and Clark. Kowloon were unfortunate to be behind at the interval, but in the second half were forced to concentrate mainly on defence, Leach leading the R.A. forwards in great style.

Sargent and Madoocks scored further goals, and Leach narrowly missed with capital efforts. Kowloon's principal weakness was at back, and the side appeared to suffer from lack of confidence.

Defences Prevail.

Forward weaknesses were all too evident in the game between the K.O.S.B. and the R.A.F., and the result, a goalless draw, was a fair reflex of the play. Thrills were plentiful, but there was no steady factor, and in the all-important problem of goal-getting neither side looked particularly dangerous.

The Recrelo lost their unbeaten certificate to an unbeaten team, which gave a sound display from goal-keeper to forwards. Play seldom reached a high level, but it admitted, but the Chinese made full use of their wingers, and their raids always had an element of laying too far back.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

FINE FIRST WICKET STAND.

The third and final match of the triangular Interport series began on Saturday on the Cricket Club ground, and at the close of the day's play, Hongkong had placed themselves in a commanding position, securing a lead of 166 on the first innings after disposing of Malaya for 98 runs. The Malaya batting broke down completely after an encouraging start, Dobie (2), Brace (3), Wales (3) and Hankey (2) sharing the wickets.

Hayward and Brace laid the foundation for the biggest total of the week, putting on over a hundred runs for the first wicket and scoring 59 and 43 respectively. Lieut. T. H. Dale attacked the bowling with vigour when the sting had been eliminated, and he was Hongkong's top scorer with 62, which included two "sixes" and eight fours.

At one stage in the Hongkong innings, there appeared every prospect of a score of at least 300. When tea was taken, 231 runs showed on the board with only five wickets down, but before stumps were drawn, the side was all out for the addition of only 33 runs.

Hongkong's big total was in nowise due to slackness in the field; on the contrary, the Malayan fielding was splendidly keen and countless runs were saved when the bowling was being sadly flouted.

Malaya go in to-day, requiring a magnificent effort if the match is to be pulled out of the fire.

Shanghai Draw With Kowloon.

Apart from the Interport cricket match on Saturday, there were other venues for followers of this sport, the main attraction being the encounter between Shanghai and Kowloon on the K.C.C. ground. In this, a very interesting display ended in a draw, with the Kowloon Cricket Club going in to bat first, scoring 196 for the loss of 8 wickets, declared, and the visitors knocking up 185 for 7.

Captain Erskine, for the home side, compiled a very bright 84, and was undefeated at the close. Flying Officer Mellor contributed 44. Rawstorne took 4 for 41.

On Shanghai's side, Leach, who captained the team in the absence of Captain Barrett, carried his bat for 66, and Quayle compiled 57. Captain Erskine shone with the ball as well, taking 4 Shanghai wickets for 55 runs.

Scots Guards Defeated.

In a friendly match between the Scots Guards and the R.A.C.C. on the University ground, the latter won comfortably.

The Guards compiled 94, for which small score L/Cpl. Burger was chiefly responsible, his bowling analysis being 4.5 overs, 2 maidens, and 6 wickets for 15 runs. The R.A.C.C. scored 102 for 7, Q.M.S. Butterfield being top scorer with 28.

Electric Company Contest.

The Hongkong Electric Company contested a match between the head office staff and the staff of the North Point installation, which the former won by 122 (S. J. Stanesby 36), to 82 (S. Abbas 36, not out). Bowling for the losers, Abbas took 4 for 28.

HOME CRICKET.

TIMES OF PLAY LAID DOWN.

London, Nov. 19.

At the meeting at Lords, the Counties agreed as to the times of play during the forthcoming season, thus: From 11.30 to 6.30 on the first and second days of a match, and 11.30 to 6 on the third day with an extra half hour if necessary to finish the game.

The practice of covering the wickets will be continued.

Lancashire, last season's champions, withdrew their proposition favouring scoring by points.

HOME RACING.

ONLY THOROUGHBREDS WANTED.

London, Nov. 19.

In the Jockey Club drafts of the private member's and totalisator bills, thoroughbred breeds are recommended by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. A percentage of the betting tax proceeds will be awarded to assist breeders.

SQUASH RACKETS.

PRINCE OF WALES SCRATCHES.

London, Nov. 19.

In the Army Championships squash rackets final G. N. Scott Chad defeated Marriott by 8 matches to 1.

The Prince of Wales's scratchings after his victory in the first round is a mystery.

HOME SOCCER.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

There was a restricted programme of League matches yesterday, owing to Third Division teams being engaged in the first round proper of the cup, the results of which have not been cabled by Reuter.

Results as cabled by Reuter are as follows:

Division I.	
Arsenal	Tottenham
Aston Villa	Blackburn
Burnley	Manchester U.
Bury	Everton
Derby	Wednesday
Leicester	Newcastle
Liverpool	Huddersfield
Portsmouth	Birmingham
Sheffield U.	Cardiff
Sunderland	1 Bolton
West Ham	Middlesbrough

*Postponed owing to fog.

Division II.	
Barnsley	Reading
Fulham	Grimsbury
Hull	Southampton
Leeds	West Brom.
Manchester C.	Stoke
Notts. Forest	Bristol C.
Port Vale	Chelsea
Preston N.E.	Notts. County
South Shields	Clapton O

RACE MEETING.

FAVOURITES DO WELL.

There was a good attendance at Happy Valley on Saturday, when the Hongkong Jockey Club held its eighth extra racing meeting. Despite the fact that there were several other attractions, the Jockey Club fixture was well supported and there was no lack of enthusiasm.

Some fairly good fields were seen. On the whole the results were fairly accurately guarded by the public, five of Saturday's winners being made favourites.

Mr. R. H. Charles was in good form and steered home three winners, and a second and a third. Mr. T. Wong rode two firsts and two thirds. The big event of the day, the St. Andrew's Stakes, over a distance of one mile and half, was won by City Hall, owned by Mr. Ho Kom-tong. This pony, it will be recalled, won the Derby in 1925.

The Hongkong Autumn Champions was also won by one of Mr. Ho Kom-tong's ponies—Town Hall. Mr. Ho is to be congratulated on winning the two big events of the Hongkong Jockey Club in his first racing season.

Glasgow Handicap: "A" class: six furlongs—for China ponies. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mrs. Priestley's Grande del Norte (Mr. Charles) 1

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Total Abstinence, (Mr. Reidy) 2

Mr. Ho Cheuk Suen's Shanghai Friend, (Mr. Wong) 3

Also ran:—Chow Tsze Lon, Goblin, Tap Siac.

Lengths: 1½ lengths.

Time: 1:34.

Parimutuel: Winner \$42.10. Places \$7.00, \$5.90, \$6.20.

Win Place

Total Abstinence 191 280

Shanghai Friend 114 217

The Goblin 86 138

Chow Tsze Lon 84 89

Grande del Norte 58 104

Tap Siac 10 21

Glasgow Handicap: "C" class: six furlongs—for China ponies. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. F. Usher's Easter Day (Mr. Reidy) 1

Mr. Yan Man's Dick 10 (Mr. Charles) 2

Mr. Roda's Green Island (Mr. Wong) 3

Also ran:—Scooter, District Call, Wild Hawk, Circle, Fire Call, Taree, Arabian Parrot, Sugar Loaf, Yorks.

Lengths: 2½ lengths.

Time: 1:37.2/5.

Parimutuel: Winner \$30.40. Places \$10.80, \$17.10, \$13.10.

Win Place

Scooter 166 250

Taree 127 172

Easter Day 97 152

Green Island 80 109

Fire Call 76 88

Dick Lo 42 73

Arabian Parrot 22 46

Yorks 14 18

Wild Hawk 10 11

Circle 9 28

District Call 9 17

Sugar Loaf 4 8

Loongwa 49 54

Yuen Sin 36 56

Little Sit Tang 6 17

St. Andrew's Stake: One and a half miles—\$400 with a cup presented for China ponies. 2nd prize: \$100.

3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's City Hall (Mr. Wong) 1

Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade (Mr. Gordon) 2

Call (Mr. Gordon) 3

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tummel, (Mr. Reidy) 3

Also ran:—Warrington, Flash Star, August.

Short head: many lengths.

Time: 3:21.

Parimutuel: Winner \$3.20. Places \$5.80, \$7.20, \$9.40.

Win Place

Bing Boy 389 354

Bright Eve 252 390

The Regent 95 140

Kom Tong Hall 91 153

Loch Rannoch 64 92

Barley Grass 51 114

Loongwa 49 54

Yuen Sin 36 56

Little Sit Tang 6 17

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Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Gomeril, (Mr. Pollock) 2

Also ran:—Loch Rannoch, Yuen Sin, Kom Tong Hall, Little Sit Tang, Bright Eve, Barley Grass.

Lengths: 1½ lengths, a neck.

Time: 1:35.3/5.

Parimutuel: Winner \$11.60. Places \$8.20, \$12.80, \$23.10.

Win Place

City Hall 734 256

Warrington 220 256

Loch Tunnel 184 319

Brigade Call 92 222

Flash Star 76 113

August 43 85

Landau Handicap: "B" class: One mile—for China ponies. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. F. Usher's Easter Day (Mr. Charles) 1

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Gomeril, (Mr. Pollock) 2

Mr. Chin Lee's Chui Chow Ning, (Mr. da Rosa) 3

Also ran:—Pottendorf, May, Loongwa, Tangle, Taree (late Jan Dore).

Lengths: 1½ lengths.

Time: 2:10.2/5.

Parimutuel: Winner \$10.00. Places \$6.40, \$8.80, \$11.90.

Win Place

Reactive Eve 514 547

May 109 248

The Gomeril 130 212

Tangle 107 172

Chui Chow Ning 63 117

Loongwa 49 59

Pottendorf 45 89

Taree 44 69

Lark Handicap: "A" class: One mile—for China ponies. 1st

BILLIARDS.

VICTORY FOR CATHOLIC UNION CLUB.

The second round in the Portuguese Inter-club Billiards Shield Tournament (triangular match) resulted in a win for the Catholic Union Club by 268 points, the scores being as follows:

	Club Lusitano.	Pts.
J. R. Soares	175	
A. C. Rozario	211	
E. A. Remedios	198	
J. M. Luz	217	
G. A. Carvalho (49 Break)	260	
J. F. Silva	231	
H. R. Sequeira	120	
J. O. Remedios	228	
R. B. Beltrao	250	
H. da Luz (Capt.)	149	
Total	2,029	

FANLING GOLF.

CAPT. ERSKINE WINS JASPER CLARK CUP.

Capt. Erskine, of the Scots Guards, won the Jasper Clark Cup at Fanling yesterday, with a score of 157 for 80 holes, which was six strokes better than his nearest opponent. He went round in 82 in the morning, and in the afternoon played brilliantly throughout, returning a 76.

T. D. E. Pendered had the best morning round with a 76, but went away sadly in the afternoon, when he could do no better than 87, tying for second place with Capt. Bloxham.

The course was in excellent condition, but the greens were a little bumpy after the overnight rain. Erskine's 76 and Pendered's 76 were far away the best cards returned, the scores generally being disappointing.

The Jasper Clark Cup and the qualifying round of the championship are played together, and the following are the scores:

	Capt. Erskine	75
T. D. E. Pendered	76	163
R. M. Smith	82	166
H. G. Sheldon	88	170
L. G. S. Dowdell	86	172
G. Murray	95	177
E. M. Remedios	84	173
E. L. Barros (52 Break)	85	174
G. C. Stark	85	174
D. G. Bruce	87	174
L. R. Andrews	87	174
Lt. Col. W. D. Brown	89	176
W. Ironside	87	176
A. E. Lissaman	84	176
K. S. Robertson	89	177
Total	2,287	

The Catholic Union Club now meets the Club de Recreio in the final, to be played at Club Lusitano Nov. 28/Dec. 2nd. These two teams are very evenly matched, and a keen tussle is expected.

scores were:

	H. G. Hegarty	175
J. Newton	97	175
W. L. Dunbar	86	180
J. L. Shellshar	90	180
T. G. Bennett	94	181
G. S. Archibald	95	182
A. Leach	91	184
A. B. Raworth	92	185
Capt. E. W. Morris	96	186
Col. Matthews	97	187
J. D. Thomson	94	187
Mr. A. R. McIlroy	95	187
F. J. de Rome	97	187
J. W. Franks	93	187
E. Davidson	100	189
C. L. Sandes	91	192
J. D. Kinnaird	98	197

The above sixteen qualify. Other

Yesterdays Games.

The games staged yesterday were S. Gordon, Lum against S. A. Rumjahn in a singles match and Lum and M. W. Lo against Ng Sze-kwong and Dr. R. E. Tottenham in a doubles game.

Lum had a fairly easy victory over Rumjahn, but the local champion produced occasional flashes of brilliant play and at times had Lum guessing.

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EUROPE'S UNREST.

TENSION AFTER THE RECENT TREATY.

Paris, Nov. 26.—"Playing with matches around the Balkan powder barrel" is among the Press comments on the Treaty between Italy and Albania, which has caused a profound sensation in France, where it is construed as an answer to the Franco-Yugo-Slav Treaty.—Reuter.

A Harmful Treaty.

Belgrade, Nov. 26.—A semi-official communiqué regards the Treaty between Italy and Albania as entirely superfluous and, therefore, harmful. It expresses the opinion that the Franco-Yugo-Slav Treaty has thus been shown to be a necessity for the peace of Europe.—Reuter.

A Pacific Document.

Rome, Nov. 26.—Cordial congratulations have been exchanged between Signor Mussolini and Ahmed Bey, the Albania Prime Minister, the Duce emphasising that "the Albanians can count on every occasion on the prompt solidarity of the Italian Government."

The Fascist mouthpiece, *Popol di Italia*, says that the Treaty between Italy and Albania is a pacific document clarifying the Adriatic situation "in contrast with the shady policy of encirclement and ambush."—Reuter.

Frontier Collisions.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—Collisions on the frontier of Lithuania and Poland have already occurred between the police and revolutionary bands from Vilna.

Certain Lithuanian politicians are reported to be negotiating with the Poles to arrange a march on Kovno. A message from the latter place says that the Lithuanian Premier has protested to the League of Nations against the aggression of Poland.—Reuter.

Anxiety Expressed.

Warsaw, Nov. 26.—A Russian Note was handed to the Foreign Office yesterday expressing anxiety at the recent incidents on the Lithuanian frontier and emphasising that Lithuania's sovereignty is a matter of the utmost concern to the Soviet Government. M. Pilusdski is at present staying at Vilna, which Poland annexed in 1920.

The number of Lithuanian and Polish refugees from Lithuania is constantly increasing. Their housing and feeding are embarrassing Vilna and other Polish towns.—Reuter.

Advice From States.

Riga, Nov. 26.—Representatives of Sweden, Finland, and other friendly States visited the Lithuanian President and advised him to establish a more acceptable form of Government as soon as possible.—Reuter.

Britain in the Dark.

London, Nov. 25.—A communiqué issued in Rome contains the text of the Italo-Albanian Defensive Treaty, which it is announced, was signed last Tuesday.

The British press has so far refrained from comment, since the terms of agreement were not hitherto available, and since nothing was known in London, even in official quarters, about such a treaty until the British Government was officially notified of its signature.—British Wireless.

The Ominous Echo.

London, Nov. 26.—The rumblings in the Balkans, where the Franco-Yugo-Slav Pact and the Italo-Albanian Treaty have caused obvious uneasiness in Rome and Paris, respectively, while the repercussions of a more explosive atmosphere in the Balkan States which have not yet had time to develop find a more ominous echo in North Eastern Europe where there is a tense situation between Poland and Lithuania in which Russia is becoming involved.—Reuter.

Government Overthrown?

London, Nov. 27.—Reports on the Poland-Lithuanian situation have hitherto been of the most conflicting kind. According to a Berlin message a news agency report from Riga states that a revolution has broken out at Kovno, the capital of Lithuania and that the Government of President Valdemar has been overthrown.—Reuter.

Wild Rumours Denied.

Riga, Nov. 27.—A private telephone message from Kovno denies the wild reports circulating in the neighbourhood as regards the alleged disorders, street fighting etc. It is stated that the city is quiet and that nervousness has abated. Despite reports from Vilna official circles are of the opinion that immediate military action by Poland is unlikely.—Reuter.

HONGKONG CRIME.

MURDER AND ROBBERY IN KOWLOON CITY.

Tragedy surrounds a robbery committed at No. 23, Tung Tow Village, Kowloon City, on Saturday at about midnight, and a result of which the owner of the house, was murdered.

There were but two persons in the house, the deceased and his wife when three robbers armed with daggers entered.

The robbers attempted to strangle the wife but she fought and struggled with them, until she succeeded in freeing herself and then dashed outside to give the alarm. It appears that her husband was killed by the robbers after she left. The robbers succeeded in making good their escape.

With the exception of a clock valued at \$5 and \$5 in money, nothing in the house was touched.

An electric torch and a hat were left by the robbers who, according to the victim's story, were young men between the age of twenty-five and thirty.

An Old Trick.

A big armed robbery was perpetrated on Saturday night by six Chinese who entered the premises of a Tientsin reporter, named Ming Lee, at No. 52, Ko Shing Street, in the western district. The robbers entered the shop and asked for a man named Chan Wai-lam. The manager, who was writing a letter at the counter, answered that there was no such a man on the shop.

The three men then suddenly produced revolvers and daggers and threatening them, tied up and gagged the six men in the shop. The key of the safe having been secured from the pocket of the manager and the other persons having been searched the whole premises was ransacked.

The prompt action of a servant who was not being bound, and who slipped out at the rear of the house, turned the tables on the robbers. He at once raised an alarm which brought detectives to the scene.

When they heard the police whistle blown the robbers took to their heels with the booty. Four of them dashed into Wo Fung Street, two others heading for Queen's Road West.

Two detectives gave chase and caught one of the latter between the Hollywood Road and the Queen's Road West, near the Possession Point.

Money amounting to \$1,100 and some jewellery valued at \$1,261 were stolen.

LAWN BOWLS.

SEMI-FINAL MATCH AT THE POLICE CLUB.

R. Lapsley (Kowloon Dock R. C.) made a great recovery in his match against W. Russell (Kowloon Bowling Green Club) in the semi-final of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony played on the Police R. C. green on Saturday afternoon. Russell led practically throughout and looked a certain winner. He was up 11-2 and 19-10, but Lapsley from this point made a brilliant recovery and eventually "defeated" his opponent 21-20.

In the final Lapsley will meet another Kowloon Dock man in J. C. Brown. The latter beat A. M. Holland (Kowloon Bowling Green Club) in the other semi-final.

The final of the Spey Royal Cup competition will be played at the Kowloon Cricket Club green next Saturday afternoon.

Handicap Doubles.

The final of the Handicap Doubles of the Kowloon Dock Bowls Club was played off on the Dock green yesterday afternoon when D. S. Nelson and H. G. Cooper beat C. Atkinson and W. Greig, 19-17.

HOCKEY.

HONGKONG v. MACAO.

A Hongkong team visited Macao yesterday and played a match against a Macao team, Hongkong winning by five goals to 2. The scores were: Woodward 2, Murray 2 and Howell 1.

Wednesday's Game.

The 1st XI will represent the Club in a match against the Royal Navy on the Navy ground at King's Park on Wednesday, at 4.45 p.m. sharp. W. J. Lockhart-Smith; J. E. Henry, D. Lyon; L. M. S. Smith; A. A. Dand (Capt.), E. L. Sim; R. E. Todd; T. Whitley; R. K. Valentine; W. Woodward and J. E. Noronha.

HOME RUGBY.

NEW SOUTH WALES BEAT WALES.

London, Nov. 27.—There were 25,000 spectators present at the rugby match, played at Cardiff, between New South Wales and Wales. The home team was beaten by 18 points to 8.—Reuter.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

ZINC IN BUTTERMILK IS HARMLESS.

EXCRETED NORMALLY.

About three years ago experiments were begun in the Oklahoma agricultural experiment station in Stillwater, Okla., to find out whether there was a possibility of poisoning from zinc-lined containers.

There was no actual knowledge as to how much zinc was present in the tissues of animals and of plants used as foods, and difference of opinion as to whether or not such zinc was poisonous. Since that time numerous investigators in different places have been studying the subject and records are now available to indicate that any apprehension of harm from this cause is hardly warranted.

The feeding of animals with substances containing zinc was the chief method used for determining the possible deleterious effects. No noticeable harmful changes were found, however, on the feeding of zinc. Through three generations of animals, their chemical tests did not reveal any accumulation of this matter in the organs when the animals were examined after death.

Buttermilk normally contains a small amount of zinc, which amount increases after contact with zinc containers. The amount of zinc appears to vary according to the length of time the buttermilk is in the container, the amount of acidity of the buttermilk, and the newness of the zinc surface that is exposed to the action of the buttermilk. When a material containing zinc in the dosages concerned was fed to animals, it did not seem to injure them in any appreciable way.

When zinc was added to the diets of the animals, either in the form of pure zinc or of zinc salts in amounts as large as are ever found in contaminated foods, it did not interfere with their growth, reproduction, or normal functions through three generations.

It was found that zinc is regularly present in the internal organs of animals fed with ordinary foods, and that the amount present did not increase appreciably when the animals were fed with foods containing additional amounts of zinc. Apparently the zinc taken into the body is promptly excreted by the usual routes.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

T. U. C. APPROACHED.

London, Nov. 26.—An important step has just been made in the movement to bring about an improvement in industrial relations. Sir Alfred Mond, Lord Aberconway, Lord London-derry, Sir Josiah Stamp and other leading industrialists have taken the initiative by sending to Mr. Citrine, Secretary of the Trade Union Congress, a letter suggesting a conference with trade union leaders to discuss matters relating to industrial peace and the strengthening of the competitive position of British industry.

The letter was discussed at a meeting of the General Council of the Congress this week. It is understood that opinion was predominantly in favour of accepting the invitation and that it was decided to reply in this sense.

This new move was foreshadowed about a month ago, when it was stated that following a conference on industrial peace, at which Sir Alfred Mond made a remarkable speech, an effort would be made by a group of progressive industrialists to bring about a representative joint conference.

The purpose of this, it was announced, would be to discuss the possibility of drafting a definite practical programme which could be put into operation immediately by those who accepted it.

It may be recalled that after suggesting the need for an industrial league of peace, Sir Alfred Mond outlined a programme of which the outstanding point was the term, that "masters and men" should be regarded as obsolete and that managers and men should be co-partners and co-workers.—British Wireless.

Three men were being tried for vagrancy in Yuma (Arizona) police court when their attorney ventured to assert that Yuma was "wide open," to gambling and liquor. The chief of police disputed his statement, and demanded a chance to fight him. The Judge therupon declared the court in recess, and the sheriff was appointed referee. A space was cleared in the court room, and the ordeal by battle began. It ended by the jury declaring the policeman the winner and acquitting the attorney's clients on the charge of vagrancy.

NEW MOTOR FUEL.

GERMANY TO PRODUCE OIL FROM COAL.

Berlin, Nov. 26.

With an expenditure of from twenty to twenty-five million pounds sterling, Germany would be able within the next ten years to erect sufficient coal refining plant to produce two and a half million tons of motor fuel which she requires annually, declared Dr. Brueckmann, Director of the German Mineral Oil and Coal Utilization Company, lecturing at Berlin.

He said that the estimate was based on the latest developments of the Bergius process for recovering oil from coal and the process was so advanced already as to make it possible to extract twelve cwt. of motor fuel from a ton of coal. A plant with an output of fifty thousand tons could work with a net profit of about fifty marks a ton.—Reuter.

STERLING'S RISE.

A NEW HIGH LEVEL IN NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 26.

Sterling has reached a new high level of \$4.88. The rise is attributed in banking circles to heavy dealings in transfer balances and other commercial requirements.—Reuter's American Service.

New York, Nov. 26.

A wild outburst of bullish enthusiasm towards the close of the Stock Market lifted more than a score of issues to new high levels. So great was the volume of trading, which reached two and half million shares, that the tape machine was twenty minutes late recording the last quotation.—Reuter's American Service.

BOXING SENSATION.

ON INELIGIBLE LIST.

New York, Nov. 26.

The world's middleweight champion, Mickey Walker, has been placed on the ineligible list by the New York State Athletic Commission. Walker's manager, Jack Kearns, has been similarly dealt with.

This action, which amounts to indefinite suspension, followed Walker's failure to respond to the challenge of George Courtney, of Oklahoma, for a title match.—Reuter's American Service.

Mickey Walker's Win.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Mickey Walker easily outpointed Paul Herlentack in a ten-round bout.—Reuter's American Service.

Risko Beats Uzudun.

New York, Nov. 26.—Johnny Risko outpointed Paolino Uzudun in a ten-round contest. The latter was very game, but was twice warned for hitting low, whilst Risko was guilty of much holding toward the end.—Reuter's American Service.

MUSLIM LEAGUE.

CHAIRMAN WITHDRAWS ON REQUEST.

Lahore, Nov. 27.

Sir Mahomed Shah, an ex-member of the Viceroy's Council, who was recently elected to preside at the forthcoming session of the All India Muslim League, has announced his willingness to withdraw in favour of the Aga Khan as a result of a request by Madras Moslems.—Reuter.

RACING STATISTICS.

RICHARDS' 164 FIRSTS.

London, Nov. 27.

The end of the flat racing season statistics placed Lord Derby at the head of winning owners with a total value of stakes of £41,243.

OUR NEW SERIAL

THE HOUSE OF SIN.

By ALLEN UPWARD.
(Author of "The Yellow Hand,"
"The Ordeal of Fire," etc.)

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS.

Dr. Tarleton, a criminologist. He is called in to examine a murdered man at the house of the Duke of Altringham, who wants the affair hushed up.

Captain Theobald, of Nigeria. Poisoned arrows, like the one used in the murder, are found in his room.

Lady Rosa, his fiancee, daughter of the Duke.

Lady Agatha, an Anglican nun, her sister. She mysteriously speaks of "The House of Sin."

Burrowes, a steward.

CHAPTER VII.

For some time Dr. Tarleton stood staring in silent dismay at the photograph of the murdered man. From the first moment of his being summoned to Trafford House he had been given to understand that the victim of the crime was an utter stranger, whose identity was unknown. The steward, Burrowes had asserted this distinctly. The Duke of Altringham had confirmed the statement; but, as he had not seen the body, he might have done so on the faith of the steward's assurance. Captain Theobald had insisted most of all on the dead man's being unknown to anyone in the house; but then he himself was a newcomer, and it was possible that he had never noticed this photograph, half-concealed as it was behind the fan.

Was it possible to attribute similar ignorance to Burrowes? The circumstance of the photograph being signed, although in a different name from the one marked on the dead man's clothes, suggested that it was a gift from the deceased to Lady Rosa—for her sister was clearly not the sort of woman to accept the portraits of young men. All such a gift implied some intimacy.

The arrangement of the sitting-room everywhere showed that the Lady Agatha had allowed her sister a free hand. A peep through the door on the left revealed a bedroom severa as a nun's cell, with one narrow strip of carpet on the floor, and a corner fitted up as an oratory. Such were the tastes of the elder of the two sisters. A very different air pervaded the boudoir which the sisters shared in common. Here everything spoke of luxury and frivolity. The shelves and tables were crowded with other photographs, some of them of celebrities in the musical and theatrical worlds, and more than one was signed by the original, showing that the Duke's younger daughter had a liking for such souvenirs.

For a moment, indeed, the doctor indulged a hope that the portrait of the deceased E. Dunlop, or Montacute—whichever was his real name—might be merely one of a miscellaneous collection of tributes from casual acquaintances. But his experience had taught him to distrust coincidences.

With a reluctance for which he felt himself to blame, a representative of the Home Office and therefore an agent of the law, the investigator recalled the other features in the case which lent an added significance to this discovery. He had himself attributed the crime to a lover's jealousy, and the Lady Rosa had a lover whose jealousy might be judged by his devotion. The weapon with which the crime had been committed had been brought into the house by that lover, and was now missing from the room. It was that lover who had been at hand so promptly to remove the body. True, the steward had alleged that he had found Captain Theobald fast asleep; but what reliance could be placed upon any statement by a man so plainly bent on concealing everything that told against his master's family?

And this was not the worst. Within a few hours of the murder the doctor had encountered Lady Rosa herself on the very spot where it had taken place, engaged on her own, showing in a search for something which she had not cared to indicate.

In gloomy silence the specialist weighed these terrible presumptions against the beautiful young girl whose image had made a deeper impression on him than he could have believed. It was in vain that he drew out his mascot and caused it to sound its silvery chime in his ear. Suddenly he stepped forward, snatched up the incriminating portrait, and thrust it, frame and all, into his capacious breast pocket.

Then, with a guilty air, he dragged himself to the door of the bedroom opposite to Lady Agatha's, and halted again on the threshold.

Must he profane the sanctity of a maiden's chamber by a search for the instrument of a fearful crime?

"No, I will not do my duty!" he exclaimed aloud.

FILIPINO POLITICS.

QUEZON MAY BE MET IN HONGKONG.

The move of insurgent Nationalists to "depose" Speaker Manuel Roxas for his actuations during the last legislative session in which he is alleged to have violated agreements entered among members of the majority is considered by old guard Nationalists as a vain gesture, say the *Manila Bulletin*.

A committee of the "rebels" plan to meet Manuel Quezon and other returning envoys at Hongkong to lay before them their grievances against the Speaker. Whether this is going to be carried out, in view of the publication in the press, could not be learned, although Representative Tomas Confesor, one of the insurgents, has urged the sending of such committee.

Among the complaints against the Speaker is that he has not properly acted on the question of the Shipping Bill on the general retirement and Pension Act and a few other measures regarding which an agreement is said to have been reached.

This outlook upon the world and the life-in-it is a pessimistic one, unless the wastefulness in nature can be explained in a more satisfactory manner than science can explain it to-day. Yet, nature's wastefulness is only apparent. Theosophy offers an explanation, which, not denying the facts of science, shows that there is a higher purpose at work which is not visible-to-materialistic science. That purpose is the evolution of life which is continually going on behind the evolution of forms; and it is for the purpose that life might unfold, that material evolution takes place. The whole universe is one vast stage on which life is playing its part, and that part is the unfoldment of the consciousness within through development of the form without. The more an organism is developed, the more the life within is enabled to express and unfold itself; the more complex the organism is the more functions it is capable of performing, the more does the life within find avenues for self-expression.

Lady Rosa's curiosity was fairly aroused.

"Really? You know something about him?"

"I could tell you more, perhaps, if I could feel certain of his identity. Can you suggest any reason for his dropping your acquaintance?"

The daughter of the Duke of Altringham flushed angrily.

"I never said he had. I said he had left off coming here. As a matter of fact, he was forbidden the house when my father married again."

"Did you hear why?" Tarleton persisted.

But Lady Rosa evidently felt that she had been cross-examined enough.

"First, may I show you this?" I picked it up as I came into the room—do you mind telling me who it is?" And he took out the photograph and held it towards her.

A change had come over Lady Rosa's face while he was speaking. A shadow, if not exactly of fear, at least of doubt and apprehension, had clouded her eyes. At the sight of the young man's features it passed away, to be succeeded by one of repugnance.

"Can't you see?" she retorted, pettishly. "It is Mr. Montacute, the actor."

The name was not familiar to the specialist, whose associations with the theatre dated back to the days of Tree and Alexander.

"You must pardon my ignorance. I confess I have never heard of him before. Is he so very well known?"

"He is considered one of our rising actors, I believe." The answer was given grudgingly.

"Is Montacute his real name, do you know?"

The girl's face showed surprise. "I suppose I never dreamt of having any other. Why do you ask?"

"I have recently been asked to advise in a case—you understand I am a medical consultant—in which the patient bore an extraordinary likeness to this man. I thought at first this was his photograph. There are such things as stage names you know; and Montacute sounds rather romantic."

Lady Rosa gave a superior smile. "You must be mistaken, doctor. If Mr. Montacute were ill, it would be in all the papers. He is playing at the Charing Cross Theatre every night."

The investigator nodded, like a man well satisfied.

"Thank you, Lady Rosa. Will you think me very impudent if I ask if you attach much value to this photograph?"

The girl tossed her head. "On the contrary, I should be very much obliged if you would take it away if it interests you."

Tarleton slipped it into his pocket again with a grateful sigh. His next question was forestalled by Lady Rosa herself.

"You mustn't think that Mr. Montacute is a friend of mine. He used to come here a good deal at one time; but he hasn't been in the house for more than a year."

He used to come here a good deal at one time! The investigator silently registered this confirmation.

WHAT IS LIFE?

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY ADDRESS.

At Sunday's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, in the lounge of Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, Mr. J. Russell gave an address on "One Life—One Law," in the course of which he said that Science gives us a grand outlook upon nature and shows us the gradual development of forms from the most simple to the most complex. But there is a gloomy aspect in the idea of purely material evolution and that is the terrible wastefulness of the whole process. At times the whole living world to a superficial observer might appear as composed of beasts of prey. All the kingdoms of life prey upon one another. Nature takes infinite pains to build up an organism that will be able to preserve itself and reproduce itself, only to have it devoured by another organism with more strength or more cunning. Continual warfare seems to be going on, and what the end of it will be does not appear to be very clear.

EVOLUTION OF LIFE.

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WHAT LIFE IS?

What is life? Science says that matter and force are the two fundamental units of the universe, and life is only the interaction of the two. Theosophy, however, carrying its investigations over a much wider field, proclaims that life is something altogether independent of matter, and certainly not the product of matter. Life is a form of energy that is able to act in conjunction with superphysical matter, and so can exist altogether apart from physical organisms. It is this life that holds the chemical elements together in an organism, and it is this life that unfolds, parallel with the development of the organism itself. It unfolds by means of the experience it receives through these organisms, and we might say that the forms of life that we see on earth are merely the instruments of experience—the vehicles through which the life within contacts the outer world and by reaction to outer conditions, develops its innate immortal powers. Life never dies.

A long pause followed. The Lady Rosa was too much on her dignity to speak again, and Tarleton shrank from pursuing his inquiries to a point that would arouse suspicion.

"Well, Dr. Tarleton?" the girl said at last.

The specialist came out of his abstraction. There was one other question which he must put to her, but he tried to introduce it in a way that might seem accidental.

"I'll find out whether my man really is Montacute and let you know, if you like," he said, in a tone of indifference. "By the way, I hope I didn't startle you this morning. Did you find what you were looking for?"

If he had not startled her before he had certainly done so now. She drew back with an indignant air.

"I was not looking for anything that would interest you, sir. I will leave you to your work."

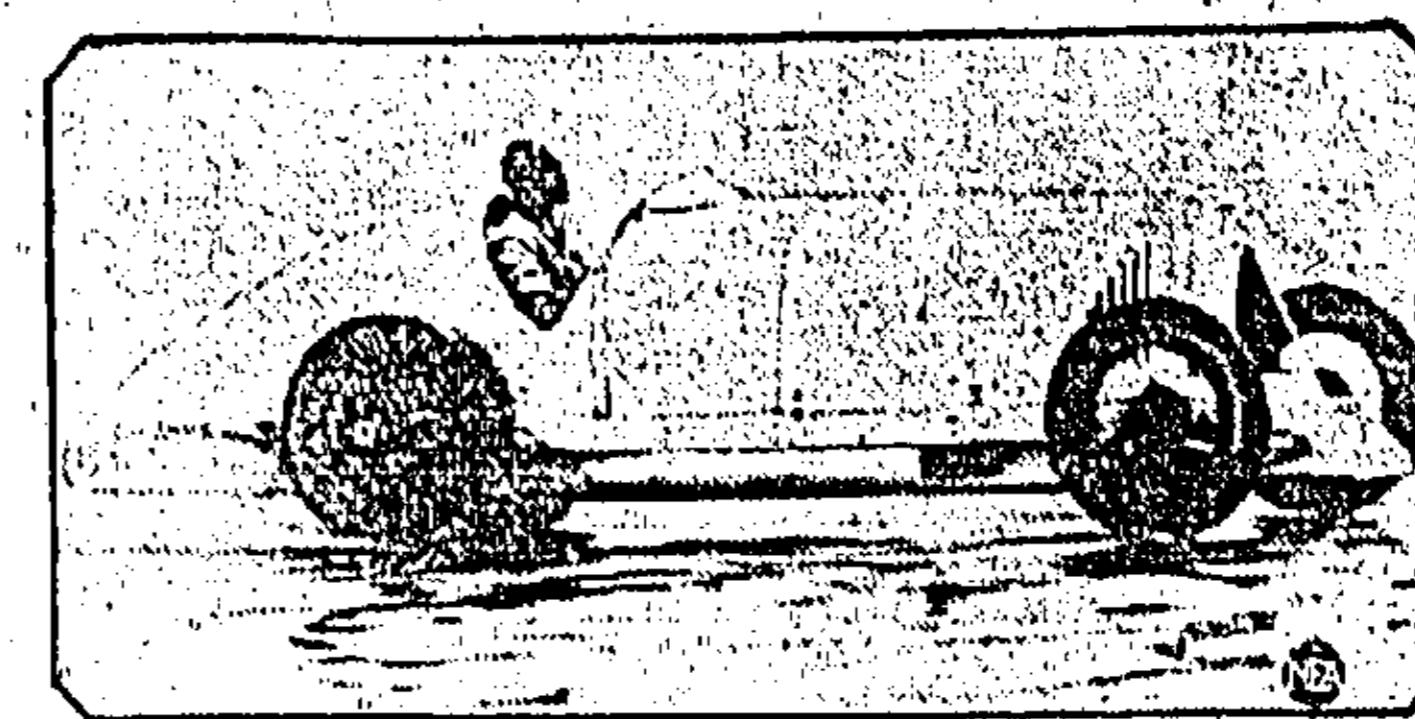
She swept past him out of the room, evidently annoyed at what she took to be impertinent curiosity. As the door closed behind her the doctor struck his forehead in wrath.

"Damnation! If my theory of the crime is sound, everything points to that lovely girl being the cause of it. And I would rather believe it of an angel in heaven!"

With a lowering face he came out into the corridor and slowly descended the stairs. Although he now knew where the murderer had obtained his weapon, he was as far as ever from locating the arrow itself; and the instinct of the investigator told him that it would be little more than a waste of time to look for it without some more definite clue as to where it might be found.

(To Be Continued)

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.



This shows Signor Foresti in his baby racing-car, in which he attempted to establish new world's records on Pendine Sands on Saturday. As reported elsewhere in this issue, the car overturned and was wrecked, Foresti narrowly escaping fatal injury.

SUNDAY GOLFERS MOBBED.

A HOME INCIDENT.

London, Oct. 24. For the second Sunday in succession the townspeople, owing to their hostility to Sunday golf, prevented play at the Aberdovey Golf Club by mobbing the members who attempted to drive off.

The objectors declare that the course is situated on common land and should be open to the public on Sundays.

The Club contends that it owns the ground and is writing to the obstructors saying so.

GARRISON FOOTBALL.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS.

Results of matches played in the Garrison Football League last week are:

November 22nd.—D. Co., K.O.S.B., 6; R.A.M.C. 0. A. Co. K.O.S.B., 2; 31 H. Bty. R.A., 1.

November 24th.—R.A.O.C., 1; H.Q. 2 K.O.S.B., 2, H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B., 3; R.A.M.C. 2.

Matches for this week are as follows:

November 29th.—12 H. Bty. R.A. v. D. C. y K.O.S.B., referee, Cpl. Lees; 29 H. Bty. R.A. v. H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B., referee, S. Sgt. Gilmour.

Dec. 1st.—B. Co. K.O.S.B. v. C. Co. K.O.S.B., referee, Lt. George; R.A.M.C. v. R.A.O.C., referee, Pte. Lockie.

TUNNEY TO DEFEND TITLE.

BACKED BY FOUR MILLIONAIRES.

Chicago, Oct. 21. Jim Mullen, a local boxing promoter, has announced that Tunney has indicated his readiness to defend his title under Mullen's auspices at Chicago some time after September 1, 1928. Mullen states that four Chicago millionaires are among his backers.

DEATHS AT SEA.

SEVERAL REPORTS FROM SHIPS.

This morning's Harbour Office reports give an unusual return of deaths at sea, recorded by vessels arriving from the south.

The Pembrokeshire from Europe and Singapore, states that one Chinese died at sea, but no cause of death is stated.

The Seistan, from Singapore and Hoioh, reports that three deaths occurred. One of these was due to chronic malaria, and two to tuberculosis.

The Kaljan, from Bangkok and Swatow, reports the death of one Chinese from natural causes, while en route from Bangkok to Swatow on November 21. The body was buried at sea.

SAY IT AGAIN.

QUEEN'S THEATRE ATTRACTION.

Richard Dix is the star in the current film, "Say It Again," at the Queen's Theatre. In this he is featured as a daring "doughboy" who makes light of all obstacles in his search for the realisation of a romance which has its beginnings in a Military Hospital.

The search leads him to one of the Balkan States, where he makes the surprising discovery that the object of his affections, whom he formerly knew as a nurse, is in reality a Princess of the Kingdom.

What follows is a burlesque, pure and simple, on the subsequent happenings, with popular conceptions of life in a Balkan State, with much in it that stretches the imagination, but admirably serving its main purpose of a laughter-maker.

The film is being shown again today, the other item being a pictorial gazette and a Felix comedy entitled "Felix on the Farm."

THE BREAKING POINT.

WHEN BRAIN AND NERVES

CRY OUT FOR HELP.

When you begin to hesitate in speaking, cannot "collect your thoughts;" when you find that your ideas become confused, your memory is no longer reliable, you are unable to concentrate on your work; when after slight exertion you feel mentally and physically fatigued out, any doctor will tell you that yours is a case bordering on neurasthenia, or nervous breakdown, and that unless prompt measures are taken to set matters right collapse may follow.

Overwork, worry, grief, excesses of any nature, or climatic influences such as a long trying spell of hot, damp weather, may have helped to exhaust your physical forces, but the real cause of your enfeebled condition is weak impoverished blood. You know yourself that healthy people—those whose blood is pure and rich and red—are possessed of nerves capable of meeting all the stresses and strains of daily life. Therefore your duty in order that you may quickly recover health is to immediately commence a course of tonic treatment for your nerves and whole system through the blood.

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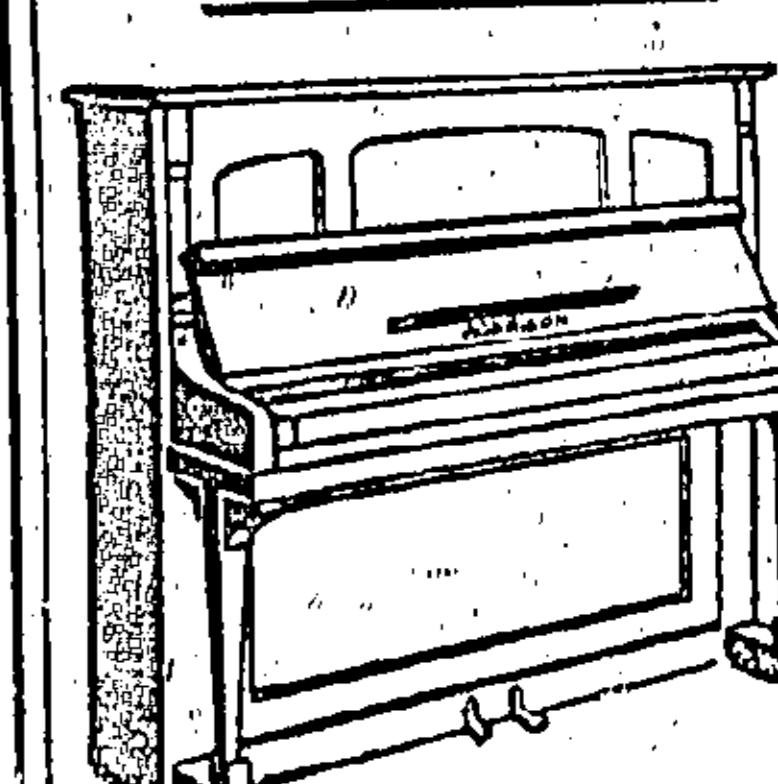
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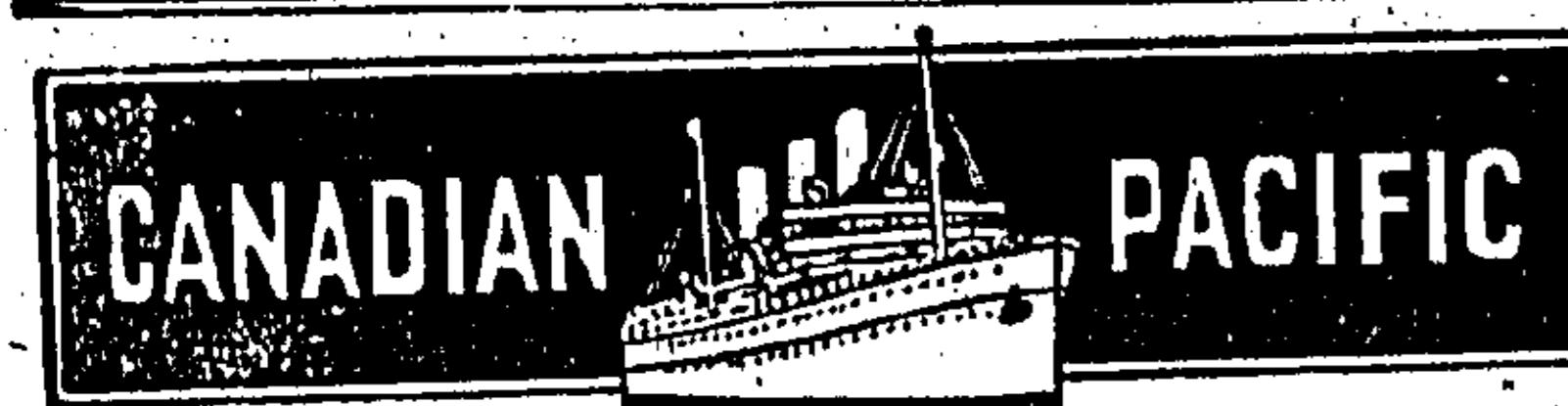
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SHOT IN HEAD.

BRITISH CONSTABLE KILLED.

Shanghai, Nov. 27.

The crime wave in Shanghai reached a climax during the week when the foreign Municipal police raided suspected haunts. They shot dead four armed robbers on Thursday and two on Friday, both the latter by Constable T. R. Francis, who arrived from England a year ago.

Yesterday, at noon, Francis was patrolling Burkhill Road and frustrated an attempt of desperadoes to kidnap a wealthy Chinese merchant. He chased off the robbers, killing one. Francis was himself shot in the head and died instantly. Constable Alfred Read traced another desperado to a derelict motor lorry. The desperado shot Read in the stomach and seriously wounded him. Nevertheless, Read shot dead the desperado. Read was rushed off to hospital and operated upon. He is progressing favourably.

It is noteworthy that finger prints show that both desperadoes were members of a gang that was handed over to the Chinese authorities in September, 1926, by the Mixed Court for armed robbery.—Reuters.

RAILWAY LOAN.

STATE DEPARTMENT FINDS
NO OBJECTION.

Washington, Nov. 26.

The State Department has confirmed the impression that the United States will not object to the South Manchurian Railway Loan.—Reuters' American Service.

A previous message stated that Chinese protests had been received against the loans which Messrs. Morgans and other firms are contemplating granting to the South Manchurian Railway. The above message bears out the belief that as long as there is no infringement of the open door as regards China, to which Japan, as well as all other signatories of the Nine Power Treaty is pledged, the Government was not likely to intervene in the loan negotiations.

WANG'S ATTITUDE.

NOW A CONFIRMED ANTI-COMMUNIST.

Shanghai, Nov. 28.

At a tea party of Chinese Pressmen yesterday afternoon Wang Ching-wei stated that he was now extremely anti-Communist and promised to request the Central Executive Council to give the newspapers full freedom to publish all political and Kuomintang news. At the same party, Mrs. Liang Chung-kai, from Canton, gave an account of the coup d'état of November 17, —Reuters.

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ANIMAL DISEASES.

LORD BLEDISLOE'S MISSION
TO SOUTH AMERICA.

London, Nov. 26.

Commenting on the acceptance of the Indian Statutory Commission by all parties in the House of Commons, the Times says: "The unanimity of the principal spokesmen and the general tenor of their speeches showed an encouraging breadth of vision and responsibility. Nothing could have been more satisfactory than the signal proof that all parties in Parliament have agreed to treat the composition of a Statutory Commission as an issue transcending party differences and at the same time to make it clear that the restriction of its membership to members of the British Parliament was never intended as a slight to Indian legislatures or as an affront to Indian susceptibilities." Other newspapers comment in similar vein.—British Wireless.

The Probable Programme.

London, Nov. 26. As both Houses of Parliament have now signified their approval of the proposed membership of the Statutory Commission the formal appointment of this body will follow in due course and arrangements will be completed for the first of the Commission's two visits to India.

It is understood, says the Daily Telegraph, that Sir John Simon and his colleagues will leave for the East on or about January 19, which means that they will arrive in India early in February.

According to the present programme, they will leave for Home about the end of March and will return to India in October next year.

During the first visit the Commission will be expected to devote a considerable portion of its time to investigating the actual working of legislative machinery and methods of administration and it is not unlikely this will entail visiting one or two of the provinces.—British Wireless.

OUTLAWING WAR.

COOLIDGE ANXIOUS FOR
DISCUSSIONS.

Washington, Nov. 26.

That President Coolidge is anxious to discuss with the world Powers proposals outlawing war is disclosed by the financial representative of the City of Vienna and the National City Bank of New York for raising a thirty million dollar, twenty-five year six per cent. loan, for the development of municipal undertakings.—Reuters.

Peruvian Loan.

New York, Nov. 26.

W. Seligmann and Company are shortly offering an issue of fifty million dollar bonds of the Republic of Peru, representing the first series of issues totalling eighty million dollars to be known as the Peruvian National Loan.

It is announced that the Directors of the Republic Iron and Steel Company and the Trumbull Steel Company have voted in favour of a merger, the two concerns involving combined assets of approximately \$200,000,000 (gold), subject to ratification by the respective shareholders.—Reuters' American Service.

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MOREA	10,953	7th Jan. 1928	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,114	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, L'don, & A'werp
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
KASHMIR	8,982	17th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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KALYAN	9,144	13th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	1st Jan. 1928	Shanghai, Moji & Kohn
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
MALWA	10,986	7th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KHYBER	9,114	21th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KHIVA	9,135	28th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TANDA	6,656	7th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MACEDONIA	11,120	25th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko

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brance, for which I must give humble praise to our fathers God. I believe that freedom, happiness and justice have made great strides. I believe that more people now get a fair chance; that there is less misery, oppression, starvation, and also less violence and crime than there used to be.

In our home country the population has nearly doubled but the prisons have decreased. There are poverty and unemployment, ill-health and bad housing, but so there always were and it is quite certain that a public conscience has arisen on all these evils which is a great deal keener and much wider-spread than a generation ago.

The same is true, to take another instance, on to the critical question of world peace. Whatever you may think of the League of Nations, the Locarno pact, the disarmament conferences, they do beyond doubt represent a desire for peace and a deliberate attempt to promote goodwill among men such as were but poets' dream and preachers' platitudes at the close of the 19th century. The parliamentarian and the journalist now say any day of the week the kind of things we ministers used to say in the annual "Peace Sundays" to find it dismissed then as sentimentalism.

I have lived also to see woman take her place as a citizen, whilst I can recall, as a child, asking my mother what it was that women had to suffer, after having signed one of the earliest petitions for women's "suffrage".

I have also seen the legal recognition of an equal moral standard as between men and women, after thousands of years of cruel wrong in that respect.

The campaign against publicly licensed vice, in which for many years I worked hard in face of a good deal of obloquy, is now, I see, on the eve of triumph; "white slavery" absolutely discredited in Europe and doomed before long even in the Orient.

In religion I have seen and worked for much breaking down of sectarian barriers.

Science and Religion.

The Bible has been translated into hundreds of new languages; the Cross has won triumphs in every land beneath the sun. Liberty and charity have been enlarged, and although Sir Arthur Keith and Bishop Barnes have just lately been whipping dead horses, and the press making a great stir about it, thinking men of all views have long made up their minds that the so-called quarrel between science and religion is unreal and need keep no one awake overnight.

This is all very sketchy, to be sure, but I only want to suggest some of the many lines along which, as I see things, progress has really been made, progress which means growth in good sense, good feeling, tolerance, kindness, justice, and therefore real happiness such as belongs to the Kingdom of God and helps us to trust that His reign of righteousness is indeed upon its way.

I am far indeed from saying that everything is as it should be,

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